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Luke says he's ready to clear his name



Luke with father Patrick

LUKE Walker has returned home to prepare to fight to clear his name after being convicted of killing his girlfriend on Crete.

The 25-year-old returned home to Brierley Hill from Crete last week – nine days after being found guilty of causing ‘grievous bodily harm, leading to the death of Chelsea Hyndman, 20.

He flew to Birmingham with parents Patrick and Lindy, and said: “I want to try to get on with my life and would like to find a job as a personal trainer, but all this pressure is draining me.

“I am going to get some rest and then start all over again. This has been three years of misery but I am not going to give up now. I have got to clear my name.”

His 57-year-old electrician father said: “This case has broken us financially. We have spent every penny we had.”

Luke has appealed, meaning a jail sentence was suspended until a further hearing.

Firefighters cut boy free

A BOY aged five had to be cut free after getting his arm stuck in railings at his school playground.

Firefighters from Brierley Hill were called to Colley Lane Primary School, Cradley, on Monday.

Firefighter Joe Farmer, from Brierley Hill station, said: “We had to cut some of the wooden railings away, it took us about five minutes to get him out.

“He was absolutely fine. He was overwhelmed by all the firefighters and teachers standing around him.”

CAMPAIGNERS STEP UP THEATRE BATTLE

by Adam Burling

CAMPAIGNERS will fight to get the decision to demolish Dudley Hippodrome overturned by a local government watchdog.

It was revealed at a public meeting at the weekend.

The event at the Station Hotel in Castle Hill was the first protesters had held since the council rejected their proposals to re-open the old theatre.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome had drawn up a detailed business plan – but this was dismissed by council chiefs who said the proposals would need up to £10 million of investment.

Friends chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick told the 60 people who attended the meeting that the council's final assessment of their business plan ‘completely distorted’ the actual details.

And historian Dr Paul Collins said the campaigners would try to get the decision reviewed by the Local Government Ombudsman in the hope it would be thrown out.

Opportunities

He insisted the council's cost estimates had been ‘plucked out of thin air’ and said the group needed a chance to prove the theatre could be used as an arts venue.

“We came up with a 10-point plan for exactly how we would reopen the theatre but none of it has been acknowledged,” he said.

Mr Fitzpatrick, a former lecturer at Halesowen College, called on residents to put pressure on councillors by sending emails and raising the issue at their surgeries.

Campaigner Joanna Roden, who runs the Fusion Rock Choir in the town, said their ideas such as holding theatre workshops offering training opportunities for young people, and even hosting weddings in the auditorium, had not been taken seriously.

She said: “The Hippodrome would be a focal point for arts education in the borough. Dudley has had a small town mentality for too long. This would attract people from all over the Black Country and further afield.”

Organisers had hoped councillors including the authority's leader David Sparks would attend – but none turned up.

Bosses at Dudley Zoo have already announced plans for a new educational and conference centre on Hippodrome site.

Cancer inspires change of direction



Caroline Glover, front, at the new shop with her sister Mary Lavender who is helping her

A CANCER diagnosis spurred a mother from the Dudley area to realise her lifelong dream of owning her own handicrafts shop.

Caroline Glover was given the diagnosis last February.

She quit her managerial role with Dudley Council to start her own business – and at the weekend she opened her new shop, Let's Craft'n' Party in Wolverhampton.

Mrs Glover, a 44-year-old mother-of-two, was head of human resources at the council. But the discovery that she had bowel cancer made her re-examine her priorities.

“My hobby has always been crafting, hand-made cards and things like that,” said Mrs Glover, of High Street, Sedgley.

Symptoms

“After going through months of chemotherapy, I decided it was time to turn my hobby into a business venture.”

The shop in Hilton Road, Lanesfield, will also be a station for the new Geocache craze, where youngsters take part in real-life treasure hunts with the aid of their smart phones.

Mrs Glover was twice misdiagnosed before finally being told she had cancer.

When symptoms persisted she went to the emergency unit at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton. She said: “They told me I was pregnant.”

She was admitted, and the next day it was decided that she could have cancer. She had surgery which removed the growth, but the cancer returned months later.

She is due to go back for chemotherapy on June 24.

Libraries are owed £39k by readers

DUDLEY council is owed £39,752.20 in outstanding library book fines.

The outstanding fines date back five years. But one book checked out on November 1996 is still to be returned.

The figures have been released following a Freedom of Information request.

Wolverhampton is owed £34,144.56 in late penalties. Walsall and Sandwell councils said they didn't hold figures for book fine arrears.

Dudley's director of adult, community and housing services Andrea Pope-Smith said: “Library users in Dudley borough now receive pre-overdue notices by email to let them know their items on loan are about to become overdue.

“We have had many compliments from library users since this scheme was introduced during 2012 and would encourage all library users to update their records with an email address in order to benefit.

She said people could phone any library or go to the website to renew books.

Wolverhampton Council is still waiting on a book checked out five years ago.

The amount owed to councils comes at a time when they are being forced to make millions of pounds worth of savings due to cut-backs by the Coalition government.

Memorial for former MP

A PUBLIC memorial service for Dudley's longest-serving MP Lord John Gilbert, is being planned for the autumn.

But the funeral of the former MP and government minister, who later became a member of the House of Lords, will be private and held in London.

Lord Gilbert, who represented East Dudley for nearly 30 years until 1997, died aged 86 on June 2. He served under Prime Ministers Harold Wilson, James Callaghan and Tony Blair.



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Traders' sadness at having to move

TRADERS at Brierley Hill's Concord Market say they are saddened, but not surprised, by the announcement that it is to close at the end of this month.

The last few traders there said it was once so bustling they struggled to get a spot.

However, today the aged floor tiles stand out as a feature of the market, simply because so few people walk on them.

The market is due to close on June 29.

One trader, Jit Singh, who opened Jean Scene in the market 38 years ago, will run his business solely online, using a warehouse in Wolverhampton.

He said: "I have mixed feelings – on the one hand I feel grateful for all the help the owners have given me over the years, but then I feel a bit bitter because of the lack of notice.

We were told last Tuesday, giving us only 14 working days to sort out and clear the stock – I have £100,000 worth of clothing.

"I have a very good group of customers who appreciate the personal touch – without us here, that will be gone."

Jason Brown, who runs Cobblers in the market, says he will try to relocate within the town. The shoe repair shop has been in the market

for 27 years. Mr Brown said: "I'm trying to relocate to The Old Market in the town. There is no other shoe repair shop in Brierley Hill, we have an exclusivity here and we want to stay. Customers know where we are and come to us, but in recent times there has been a drop in diversity of traders here and that has led to a drop in passing trade."

"Times are tough, but we have to look forward."

Market losing £2k a month to close down

A MARKET is to close after being in business for 40 years. Its owner has revealed it is losing £2,000 a month.

The market, Concord Market in Brierley Hill, has suffered from dwindling trade and to make matters worse it has been losing stall holders.

Now Shane Birch-Bastock has announced the closure.

The decision is a poignant one for Mr Birch-Bastock because the market in High Street, was set up by his father.

Brierley Hill councillor Rachel Harris said the loss of the market would be a big blow to the town.

Only seven of the 25 stalls are occupied – and four of those have already given notice that they are leaving.

The only stalls left are Jean Scene, Polly's Tea Room and Rose's Cafe.

Brierley Hill's other High Street market a few yards away, remains trading.

Downward

"It's a sad thing but there has been a downward spiral over the last couple of years," said Mr Birch-Bastock, aged 45, who was brought into the business when he left school by his late father, Stan Bastock.

"It's hard to put a finger on why it has been struggling – and it's ironic because our other market in Sedgley is doing really well.

"There is a waiting list of stall holders wanting to go in and it will remain open.

"I should have made the decision to shut the Brierley Hill Concord Market a year or more ago because it has been losing about £2,000 a month," he said.

The market will shut on June 29. Mr Birch-Bastock, whose Brierley Hill company Pentax Developments owns about 25 other businesses, is now starting talks with the council about redeveloping the market site.

Family brass band date

FAMILIES are being urged to attend a brass band concert in Oldbury on June 23. Halesowen Brass Band will be showing off their skills at Barnford Hill Park in Moat Road, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in a marquee.

How controversial homes will look



An artist's impression of how the proposed housing development in Hagley, will look

THIS image of a development consisting of 175 homes in a village near Stourbridge was unveiled as detailed proposals were lodged with planners.

A full planning application has been submitted by Cala Homes to build the estate in Hagley. Parish councillors and residents' groups have held discussions with the firm to shape the scheme which prompted public protests and a 4,000-name petition.

Campaigners say the scheme, which includes new office space, will exacerbate traffic problems in the village and put pressure on

school places and village facilities.

Artist's impressions of the scheme, on land off Kidderminster Road, shows houses surrounded by landscaped gardens.

Paved walkways will lead pedestrians into the new housing estate, with a pond being created in front of homes.

Traditional

Darren Humphreys, managing director of Cala Homes Midlands, said: "The detailed plans we have submitted are for a high-quality scheme, traditional in design and sensitive to its village location. The considerable contribution we

will be making to improvements to local infrastructure and services will also mean that the development will benefit the wider community."

Hagley Parish Council chairman Councillor Steve Colella said campaigners were unlikely to object about these updated plans as the scheme had already won outline approval, but he said residents and parish councillors would continue to scrutinise the plans.

Outline planning permission was granted by Bromsgrove District Council at a meeting in January.

Speedway star is to give lift to charity

A SPEEDWAY star will promote the work of a Black Country charity by wearing their logo as he rides at tracks across the country.

Ashley Morris, who races for Dudley Heathens, has sealed a deal with Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind.

The 19-year-old, from Wolverhampton, thought up the idea after seeing other riders baring the logos of charitable causes as they competed.

Mr Morris, who is fresh from representing his country in the Under-21s World Team Cup semi-final, says he is honoured to work with the charity which supports people living with sight loss.

He added: "The centre does fantastic work with people of all ages."

"My team is running a competition for fans this season and I've decided to donate the takings to the Beacon Centre for the Blind to help them raise the profile of what they are all about and go on to help more people in the future."

Beacon Centre chief executive, Arwyn Jones, said: "I am delighted that Ashley has chosen to support us and is helping us to raise awareness of the work we do."

"Support from young people, like Ashley, is vital if we are going to continue that work into the future."

£4.9m is boost to road plan

A NEW link road to tackle congestion in Kidderminster has taken a leap forward with a £4.9 million boost, allowing transport bosses to push ahead with the plans.

The government grant will be used to create the long-awaited route, which will divert traffic away from the town centre. Linking the A451 Stourport Road and the A442 Worcester Road, it will run through the 74-acre former British Sugar factory site, which is being developed into a business park.

The first phase of the scheme, which will connect the Stourport Road with the site, will be carried out later this year. A planning application for the second phase is expected to be lodged in August, and the council hopes to secure a further £11million towards the project.

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Tribute as borough's ex-mayor dies at 75

A FORMER Mayor of Dudley and long-standing councillor in Coseley has died, aged 75.

George Davies was one of the borough's longest-serving councillors over two terms with Dudley Council.

Councillor Davies represented the Coseley East ward from 1973 to 1976 and again from 1985 to 2013 for the Labour party.

He was Mayor of Dudley in 2000/01. During his time on the council, Councillor Davies served on numerous committees including being chairman of the housing committee from 1990 to 1999.

Councillor Davies leaves behind his wife Joyce, three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Councillor Davies' brother is Norman Davies, a former leader of Wolverhampton City Council.

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "Councillor George Davies represented this borough with a tremendous amount of pride and passion. He was an extremely popular Mayor of Dudley in 2000/01 and I, along with many other mayors looked up to him for guidance and support. He will be sadly missed."

More car parking for commuters

AN extra 175 parking spaces will be created at Stourbridge Junction railway station as part of a £1.3 million project to expand the park and ride service.

The revamp will also include the creation of electric vehicle charging points and a cycle hub.

Centro received a £2m grant towards work at the site and also at Kings Norton station, in Birmingham, and Four Oaks, in Sutton Coldfield.

The money has been awarded under the government's Local Pinch Point Fund, a £170m scheme to remove transport bottlenecks.

There are 780 spaces at Stourbridge Junction's car parks. But these are often full by the end of the morning rush hour. Nearby roads also become clogged with cars left by commuters.

Accidents at work cost police forces £1m



Steve Simkins

MORE than £1 million has been paid out in compensation to police and staff in the region who been involved in accidents at work - including being bitten by insects and falling off chairs.

Figures show that in one case more than £20,000 was handed out to an officer injured in Staffordshire after they tripped over, and West Mercia Police, which covers Hagley near Stourbridge, agreed compensation after an officer fell on a slippery floor.

In the West Midlands £50,000 was

given out for a breach of the data protection act, and thousands of pounds were also given to employees for getting their fingers stuck in doors and falling off chairs.

Other cases include almost £8,000 being given out for insect bites and £600 for a worker injured by noise. Most of the money - £849,028 - was paid out by the West Midlands force between 2009 and 2012.

Staffordshire Police paid out £157,280 between 2010 and 2012. West Mercia paid out £51,121 in compensation between 2010 and

2012. Councillor Steve Simkins is chairman of the vibrant, safe and sustainable communities scrutiny panel which oversees crime and community safety in Wolverhampton.

Farical

He said: "I have full admiration for officers who are hurt in the line of duty and support them as they are protecting the public."

"But payouts for normal accidents such as insect bites seems farical and should be tightened for the very reason that it is public funds."

Staffordshire police chiefs say decisions over whether to pay out on claims were made through insurers' decisions.

West Mercia Police spokeswoman Sarah Buxton said: "Details of injuries and compensation payments are often more complex than statistics or brief details suggest."

"For example, although an injury might initially be interpreted as minor it may transpire to cause more severe pain and suffering, and sometimes even long-term or permanent damage to the individual."

Facebook advert saved the life of dying bulldog Molly

A COUPLE face being banned from keeping animals after they failed to look after their dying dog.

Joseph Salter and Cally Ricard knew their British bulldog's health was getting worse quickly.

But instead of taking the dog to a vet, they posted an advert on Facebook to sell it.

The six-year-old dog, called Molly, was seriously ill with a tumour, but it was kept 'collapsed and lethargic' in the couple's back garden on a soaking wet cushion.

But the dog was saved when two prospective buyers - Joanne Bennett and Natalie Morris - immediately bought the pet from the couple for £80, and took it to the RSPCA.

At Dudley Magistrates' Court last week, Salter, aged 22, of Penwood Crescent, Quarry Bank, and Ricard, 22, of Lakeside Court, Brierley Hill, pleaded guilty to failing to get veterinary care for the dog and failing in their duty as owners.

The court heard how the dog, which was inherited by the couple three months before it was sold, could barely walk.

Worried

In an interview, Salter said they could not afford veterinary care, while Ricard said she believed the dog 'loved' the outdoor cushion, adding it was allowed in the kitchen overnight.

After the advert was placed on Facebook, the dog was viewed by friends Joanne Bennett and Natalie Morris, from Halesowen, who were so worried for the animal's health they bought it on the spot.

The women had to drag Molly through the couple's former home in Woods Crescent in Brierley Hill, to get it to their car.

Nick Sutton, prosecuting, said: "This animal was very sick. The defendants both knew it was sick, but the only action they took was to try and sell it."

"They must have known what was going on, this was a sick animal and if it wasn't for the actions of these two ladies, it would not be alive today."

Mr Sutton said the couple received the dog from their landlord after moving into the property in December 2011.

He said the dog was brought to the attention of the RSPCA by Mrs Bennett and Mrs Morris in February last year.

He said: "The women went to the address



Joanne Bennett, aged 43, with fit-again Molly at Vets 4 Pet in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen

to ask about the dog - Mr Salter answered the door and they were shown into the back garden where the dog was found on a small cushion.

"It was dirty and mouldy, one of the women said it was soaking wet. Both the ladies were surprised when the animal did not move. One described it as lethargic and collapsed."

He added: "Both found the matter upset-

ting with one saying it bought her to tears."

Tim Talbot-Webb, defending the couple, said the dog had only shown signs of the serious sickness in the days before the sale.

Banning

He added: "Out of naivety the couple tried to sell the dog."

The Dudley magistrates adjourned sentencing of the pair for probation reports.

Among the sentencing options open to them is a banning order restricting the couple from owning any pets.

After the hearing, Mrs Bennett, aged 43, of Halesowen, said the dog had now fully recovered and was being looked after by Mrs Morris, 45.

She said: "We had to get the dog out of the house and to a place where it would be cared for."



Joseph Salter, aged 22



Cally Ricard, also 22

NEWS in brief

Shock as new councillor dies

THE newly-elected UKIP Worcestershire County Councillor Tony Baker died after collapsing in a car park.

Mr Baker, 69, suffered a cardiac arrest in the car park of Morrisons in Kidderminster last week.

He won the St Mary's seat in Kidderminster last month.

Michael Wrench, of the Wyre Forest branch of UKIP, said: "Tony was a staunch stalwart of the branch and a driving force behind the party's recent electoral success."

Woman cut free after car crash

A WOMAN had to be cut free from a car which left the road at a major traffic island in Dudley last week.

Fire crews were called to the Cinder Bank island on Dudley Southern Bypass last Friday. Four people were in a Fiat Punto which mounted a grass verge.

One rear seat passenger, a woman in her early 20s, had to be cut free.

She suffered back pain and a head injury and was taken to Russells Hall Hospital.

Former doctor's surgery for sale

A DERELICT doctor's surgery in Stourbridge has been put up for sale, for £225,000. Audnam Lodge, in Brettell Lane, Audnam, had been wanted by Lidl as part of a planned expansion to its store next door.

But after the proposal was thrown out by planners at Dudley Council, the surgery has now been put on the market.

Students get tip on TV licences

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Homes approved

PLANS for a bungalow in Lower Gornal have been approved. An application to build the two-bedroom property in Flavells Lane was given the go-ahead by Dudley Council. The committee also approved a three-bed detached house in Swan Street, Pensnett.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



AND off to that great English institution, the agricultural show, where townies gawp at what goes on in the countryside. I had great sympathy for the line of pedigree rams who waited nervously for a judge to reach between their hind legs and squeeze their testicles. They reacted exactly as you would expect by trying to leap out of the ring. You don't see that sort of thing at the Mr Universe competition.

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THE one thing missing from our local show was that essential part of modern life, a punch-up. Whacking total strangers for no particular reason, preferably in front of terrified children, is very fashionable. In the last few days alone, a village dog show in Kent descended into screaming matches and fist fights with punches being thrown at teenage volunteers. Some folk objected to their pooches not getting rosettes while others were unhappy at the parking arrangements. There was a punch-up, too, at the gates of an infant school in Cornwall. A row which began between two mothers escalated to the point where police had to use pepper spray to arrest a man who was attacking a woman.

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A READER tells me he was waiting at the lights when the car in front suddenly reversed into his car. The other driver was contrite and polite, exchanged details and said: "Don't report it to your insurance company; just send me the bill." Next thing he knew was that the other driver was claiming my reader had driven into him, causing him whiplash. To his fury, his insurer is proposing to settle what sounds like a deliberately staged incident on a 50:50 basis.

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IF YOU think Britain's had a property crash, consider the apartment spotted for sale by a reader just back from Menorca. It has been reduced from 230,000 euros to 100,000 euros.

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WE are presumably supposed to be horrified or amused at the survey showing that some children think fish fingers contain chicken, and that cheese comes from plants. So here's one for us grown-ups. Question: what are hamburgers made of? Answer: we'll tell you when we get the DNA results.

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SLEAZE in Parliament is like dust under the sofa. You suspect it's there all the time but you're still shocked at the quantity. As cash-for-questions raises its ugly head again, isn't it time for constituency associations to get a grip? They are the local party committees who select prospective MPs to represent the interests of local people. They hope their new MP will rage in Westminster against the disgraceful housing conditions on the Slagthorpe Estate. Instead, he is suddenly asking suspiciously well-informed questions in the House about Moldavian gold mines, Moroccan fishing-tackle imports and subsidies to veal producers in Iceland. Alarm bells should ring. The constituency association should then summon its MP and ask what the hell he's playing at, who's paying him and how does he fancy being deselected?

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BAD news for anyone hoping to boldly go where no man has gone before. Nasa has calculated that the long space flight to Mars could expose astronauts to high levels of radiation which could cause cancer. Imagine the compensation they might have to pay. Dan Dare defeated the Mekon and Dr Who saw off the Daleks but mankind's real-life exploration of space may come to a juddering halt in an adventure called Nasa and the No Win/No Fee Lawyers.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

I'd do it again, says victim of assault

THE father of six who was left fighting for his life after being knocked out by road rage driver Samuel Pagett when he tried to slow him down, says he would take the same action again to protect children.

Paul Currie was left unconscious in Newland Grove, Holly Hall, Dudley, after Pagett punched him so hard his head hit a lamp post.

He was revived by an ambulance crew on the way to hospital.

He needed emergency surgery at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital to

remove a massive clot from his brain following the attack in January.

Mr Currie, who served with the Staffordshire Regiment, was put into an induced coma for three days.

His attacker pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm and was jailed for 20 months at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Mr Currie, 41, spent 11 days in hospital and, although he has made a good recovery, the attack has deprived him of his livelihood as a lorry driver because the brain injury

means he is not yet cleared to get behind the wheel.

Mr Currie lives with partner, Jo Smith, 29, and their three children, aged seven, three and nine months, in Woodside Road, near Newland Grove.

Motorist

He was walking home when he spotted a car speeding down the street.

"People use Newland Grove as a racetrack and I remember seeing this car doing about 70mph down the road," he said. "There were some kids

on the corner of the road and I feared one of them was going to get hit.

"It's a blank after that but I'm told I tried to slow the motorist down and was then knocked unconscious. The ambulance crew had to resuscitate me on the way to hospital - they did a fantastic job, as did the hospital."

Mr Currie, who has three more children with a previous partner, added: "If I witnessed something similar again I probably would step in again - although I'm sure my partner would argue with me."



Paul Currie

Metro is hailed as a boost for jobless

JOBLESS people are being offered the chance to fill dozens of posts being created by the £128 million extension of the Midland Metro tram system through Birmingham city centre.

Following talks with transport authority Centro and Birmingham City Council, contractor Balfour Beatty has signed up to the employment access team, which helps Birmingham's jobless back into work.

The construction giant, which is building the extension, will take part in the project over the next two years. As part of the scheme the firm has agreed to provide up to 1,000 weeks of employment over the course of the extension project which should be completed in 2015.

The extension, which is a partnership between Centro and the Black Country and Birmingham city councils, will see a 20-strong fleet of new trams deployed on the existing Metro line between Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

The employment programme works with job centres, colleges and employers to connect job-seekers in the Birmingham area with employment, education and training opportunities.

Centro chief executive Geoff Inskip said: "The tram extension is a really important project for the people of the West Midlands and the prosperity of our region."

"In the current economic climate, it is important that we look for ways to support people in their search for employment and it is great that we will be able to do this."

Youngsters' training idea

A NEW finance training scheme for young unemployed people will be tried out in the West Midlands.

The scheme aims to give trainees an opportunity to work in public and private sector organisations and gain a valuable finance qualification at the same time.

Trainees will be employed by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), who will oversee the training programme and work with local employer partners to ensure paid placements are available.

Driver sent to prison for road rage attack

A MAN who jumped out of his car and punched a father of six in a road rage attack was jailed for 20 months.

The attack happened after the victim, pedestrian Paul Currie, urged driver Samuel Pagett to slow down.

Mr Currie, a former army corporal with the Staffordshire Regiment, was walking back to his home on the Holly Hall estate, in Dudley, after playing darts with friends at The Woodside pub on January 13.

He saw a car, driven by Pagett, driving at speed along Newland Grove and gestured and shouted at him to slow down.

But Wolverhampton Court heard Pagett stopped his car suddenly, got out, and delivered a single blow which floored 41-year-old Mr Currie.

Physiotherapy

The victim was in an induced coma for three days and was in hospital for 11 days. He remains unable to return to his job as a lorry driver and needs more medical treatment.

Pagett, aged 25, of Cot Lane, Kingswinford, who worked as a car valet, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to inflicting grievous bodily harm on Mr Currie.

Jailing him for 20 months Judge Amjad Nawaz said: "These are life changing injuries. I have no doubt that Mr Pagett did not

by Tom Mason

foresee these consequences when he got out the car."

The court heard Mr Currie was now undergoing physiotherapy, and had lost his sense of smell and taste following the attack.

Blondelle Thompson, prosecuting, said Mr Currie had called out to Pagett, saying 'you are going too fast' moments before he was assaulted.

Andrew Thompson, defending, described Pagett's actions as 'a moment of madness' but said Pagett had shown remorse and had pleaded guilty at the first opportunity.

The victim's family were angry at the sentence. Mr Currie's mother Mary Hill, aged 62, said: "The sentence is absolutely disgusting. What about Paul's family and what they have been through? Where is the justice in that sentence? What about the stress caused to his family?"

His step-father Malcolm Hill, aged 67, added: "It has deprived him of his livelihood and changed his life."

5,000 join walk for charities

ABOUT 5,000 people walked a circular route from Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton incorporating Holey Hall, and raised £182,106 for local charities. This year the Free Radio Walk for Kids supported Acorns Children's Hospice, Russells Hall Hospital, Promise Dreams and Hope House Children's Hospice in Shropshire.

Youngsters score for little Jack



Young players Connor Edge, aged 12, left, and Liam Hunter, 12, right, with Terri Gricic and son Jack and Colts club treasurer Carl Bottley

YOUNG players and managers at a Dudley football club have raised money to help a brave youngster who is recovering after a road accident.

Jack Pinder was just three when he was badly hurt in the collision in Wollaston, Stourbridge, in 2011.

Since then he has been learning to cope with not being able to talk, and being blind in one eye and deaf in one ear. He also struggles to walk. Members of Netherton Colts, including young players in the club's Soccer Clinics through to the under-18s team, pledged to help. They have raised £1,030 through raffles over the season.

Jack's mother Terri Gricic, aged 33, said: "It's amazing. We're really happy and they're such lovely people too."

Miss Gricic, of Lyttelton Road, Wollaston, said she was undecided about what to get Jack with the money but would choose between sensory equipment so he could enjoy the garden, or a specially-adapted bicycle.

Club treasurer Carl Bottley, a 45-year-old father-of-two, added: "When we heard what had happened to Jack we wanted to help."

Jack had to be airlifted to Birmingham Children's Hospital after the accident.

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Meetings will give a chance to air issues

DUDLEY people can have their say on local issues at a series of 10 community forums.

On June 17 Castle and Priory, St James's and St Thomas's community forum will be on at St Barnabas Church, Middlepark Road, Dudley. On the same day, Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews and Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood community forum will be held at Quarry Bank Community Centre, Sheffield Street.

Coseley East and Sedgley community forum will be at Age Concern, Sedgley, Ety-more Road, on June 18, as well as Gornal, Upper Gornal and Woodseton community forum at Parkes Hall Social Club, Parkes Hall Road.

Halesowen North and Halesowen South community forum will be on June 19, at Olive Hill Primary School, Springfield Road, with Norton, Pedmore and Stourbridge East, Wollaston and Stourbridge Town community forum at Ham Dingle Primary, Old Ham Lane, Stourbridge, the same day.

Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South community forum is June 25 at Earls High School, Furnace Lane, Halesowen, while Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley is at St Mary's Parish Church Hall, The Village, Kingswinford. All start at 6.30pm.

Festival is set to be a tasty treat

ORGANISERS are gearing up for the first food festival at the Royal Air Force Museum in Cosford.

A bustling market of around 70 independent food and drink retailers, business and brands is planned for the last week in July.

The event will be held outdoors.

Organisers say they will exhibit 'exquisite', fresh and handmade products from across the West Midlands, Staffordshire and Shropshire, and Newport-based firm FionaOnFish will run demonstrations.

The event will run from 10am to 5pm on July 27 and 28. Admission is £5 for adults. Family tickets are £12. Concessions are £4. For details, call 01902 376200.

Bishop is praised as he prepares to leave



Sad - the Bishop of Dudley

THE Bishop of Dudley said he would be sad to leave the borough when he stands down in October to take up a new position in Manchester.

It comes as both Dudley Council leader David Sparks and the Bishop of Worcester praised the outspoken cleric for his contribution to the diocese.

The Rt Rev David Walker, aged 56, who has held the top Church of England job since 2000, has been appointed Bishop of Manchester.

The father-of three, who lives with wife Sue in Old Hill, said: "Whilst I am very excited about

returning to my home city as Bishop, Sue and I will also be sad to leave so many friends that we have made in the Diocese of Worcester.

I'm grateful for the many opportunities that I have been given both to support the mission and ministry of the Church of England in Dudley and Worcestershire and to contribute to the life of our villages, towns and communities."

The Diocese of Worcester has announced that the process to appoint a new Bishop of Dudley will begin immediately.

Bishop of Worcester, The Rt Rev

Dr John Inge said: "Although I shall be very sorry to lose a wonderful colleague, I'm delighted that Bishop David has been appointed as Bishop of Manchester.

"As anyone who knows him will be aware, he is a person of great gifts, immense wisdom and deep personal holiness."

Dedicated

Councillor Sparks added: "It does not surprise me that the Rt Rev David Walker has been promoted as he is a dedicated Christian in a modern context."

The Bishop of Dudley has been outspoken on issues including

social housing, asylum seekers and benefit cuts.

He was one of 43 bishops who signed a letter in March claiming that capping benefit rises at one per cent would have a 'deeply disproportionate' effect on children.

He also launched an attack on the way politicians were allegedly exaggerating the negative impact of immigration, which he said was 'wholly disproportionate' to the real threat.

He said: "Public fears around immigration are like fears around crime. They bear little relationship to the actual reality."

Tributes pour in as comic Lee loses fight with cancer

TRIBUTES have poured in for comedian Lee Wilson who died just weeks after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

The 74-year-old great-grandfather, whose real name was Geoff Beards, was a regular on the local comedy circuit and during his career mixed with some of the leading lights in the world of showbiz.

"He was the most wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather," said his widow Sheila Beards, aged 72, speaking at the family home in Pedmore, Stourbridge.

"He had a heart as big as a bucket."

He also leaves behind children Tracy, Lee and Debbie.

Mr Wilson, who was born in Wednesbury and lived in Tipton before moving to Stourbridge, started his showbusiness career in the mid-1950s as a musician. From 1957, he served two years with the Cheshire Regiment in Malaya, during which he formed a band entertaining the troops.

Variety

He turned professional in 1973 and went on to win New Faces in 1976 and starred on TV show The Comedians. He was also a familiar face on the popular Black Country Night Out evenings held in the region.

"He was brilliantly funny but spotlessly clean," said Mrs Beards.

A talented salmon and trout fisherman, Mr Wilson was also a popular after-dinner speaker and in 1991 he was invited to join the Variety Club of Great Britain Golfing Society, where he mixed with celebrities from showbusiness and sport, and in the following years helped to raise thousands of pounds for charity.

Mrs Beards said her husband's career was full of highlights.

A few years ago he was embarking on a four-day working cruise when Jasper Carrott phoned him and persuaded him to perform at his Christmas Cracker show on the day he was due to get home.

"Jasper rang and said 'I want you to do the show'," said Mrs Beards.

"He said 'Jasper I'm cruising' but Jasper said 'you come back the Sunday of the show, it will be fine'."

Carrott arranged for a limo to pick the couple up, drive them home, and



TV favourite Bruce Forsyth with comedian Lee Wilson of Stourbridge



Lee with former heavyweight boxer Henry Cooper



Funnyman Jasper Carrott with Lee Williams in 1978



Much-loved comedian Norman Wisdom with Lee and wife Sheila in 2000

then drive them to the NEC a few hours later. I was watching Lee on stage and Jasper said to me 'now that's what you call comedy'," she said.

Mrs Beards said Jasper had paid his respects to her. "He said he was a wonderful man and said he should have been a big, big star."

On another occasion, Mr Wilson surprised punters at The Fox in Lye by getting Tom

O'Connor to perform to raise money for a customer who had recently been burgled.

The comic mixed with stars including Frankie Vaughan, Norman Wisdom and the boxer Henry Cooper and his son Lee Beards, 46, said he got used to big name stars ringing the phone and asking for his dad.

"Henry Cooper would ring and say 'hello mate, is your dad there,'" he said.

"Answering the phone to those sort of

people just became the norm."

Jake Elcock who founded Wombourne-based Elcock Entertainments, which represented Mr Wilson, and was a friend for 40 years, said: "He will be sadly missed, a great bloke and a personal friend."

Former Sandwell mayor Bill Archer said: "I feel so sad, we were such great pals. He was such a wonderful man. He will be sadly missed."

NEWS in brief

Deputy leader to talk at town bar

PAUL Nuttall, the deputy leader of UKIP - who is heavily involved in the party's 'Save the Pub' campaign - will speak at a Stourbridge bar later this month.

Mr Nuttall will be guest of honour at Stourbridge UKIP's fifth 'political spice' event at the Britannia Sports Bar, High Street, Wollaston, on June 24. The ticket-only event will start at 7pm. Tickets cost £5, including a meal, and are available from Glen Wilson on 0784 5556723.

Felicity has eyes on singing final

YOUNG singer Felicity Cox could soon be living out her dreams to take to the stage in London by making the final of a national contest.

The 13-year-old from Stourbridge is hoping to progress to the final of the TeenStar singing competition in London.

Felicity, who goes to Redhill School, has already made it to the semi-finals. Now Felicity, of Rufford Road, is hoping to secure one of the wildcard entries to the main event on July 7.

Council cricket match for charity

COUNCIL staff and councillors will be stumping up cash for charity at the annual Mayor of Dudley's cricket match.

A team of Dudley Council officers will be taking on a team of members in a 20-over a side match for the Mayor's charities.

The teams will go head to head at Stourbridge Cricket Club on June 28 at 6pm.

Students raise homeless cash

YOUNG entrepreneurs from Stourbridge College have helped raise almost £200 for a Midlands homeless charity. Students dreamt up business ideas to bring in money for St Basils.

St Basils is a charity that offers advice, emergency and longer-term accommodation for people aged 16 to 25.

Women warned

PREGNANT women are warned by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists that painting the nursery or buying furniture may put their unborn babies at risk from chemicals.

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ANDREWS

GOOD to see new Wolves coach Kenny Jackett will be giving the home-grown players a chance following his appointment to the Molineux hot seat.

"I always look for young and hungry players," said Jackett as his first press conference in charge. He is in good company. Last year, following a shaky start to the season, Aston Villa manager Paul Lambert explained his youth-first policy.

"I know that when you get really hungry players they can take you a long way, that's what we will try to do. If you don't have that hunger as a footballer, there's no point playing the game."

Similarly, on announcing the signing of left-back Joe Bennett, Lambert told the assembled media: "Joe's a really good player, young and hungry to succeed and he's exactly the type of player we want here."

Not to be outdone, West Bromwich Albion's Steve Clarke explained the philosophy behind their continued status as the top dogs in the West Midlands.

"The players have the hunger," he said.

One can only assume that the burger vans outside their respective grounds must be doing a roaring trade. Meanwhile, in other news, Wolves, Albion and Villa are embroiled in a £15 million bidding war for the young-and-hungry Oliver Twist.

STUDENT Ben Cronin claims he was refused a job as a punt tout on Cambridge's famous riverboats because he wasn't good looking enough.

"I went to speak to the man running the boats, but when I asked about a job, he laughed, saying: 'Sorry, mate, you have to be good looking to do this job'," said the 20-year-old psychology student. Sounds like they didn't like his boat race.

SORRY, but I can't buy into all the conspiracy theories about the Bilderberg conference, where the political leaders of Europe and North America are supposed to have spent the weekend discussing their plans for world domination.

First of all, look at the guest list. Ken Clarke, Peter Mandelson, Ed Balls and George Osborne. Could you honestly see that lot successfully organising a social event in a brewery, yet alone some dark and sinister plot to take over the world?

Secondly, there's the venue. A 'luxury hotel in Watford'. No disrespect to Watford, but it all sounds a bit Alan Partridge, doesn't it?

Yes, we know David Icke thinks they are all descended from lizards from the constellation Draco, and we should always be grateful for his constructive and interesting contributions to the debate.

But the former Coventry City goalie's contribution aside, I don't think I will be losing too much sleep over the summit.



Stall helper Gwen Barnett with David Smart, Yvonne Smart and Cathy Glear



The Midlands Air Ambulance have benefited from the sisters' knitting skills

Blanket coverage for Air Ambulance

Two sisters use their knitting skills to help the charity.

CHARLOTTTE LILLEY finds out why they do it

YVONNE Smart, and Cathy Glear are familiar faces at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital and are a friendly sight for patients and staff who look forward to their visits.

The sisters run a stall in the entrance of the hospital once a month, selling blankets, baby clothes, scarves, shawls and other garments they have knitted or crocheted.

All the money they raise goes towards Midlands Air Ambulance and since 2009, the two have collected a staggering £37,000.

"Our passion for knitting all began when we were little girls. We would watch Blue Peter on the TV and there would be someone knitting," says Mrs Smart, from Kingswinford.

Wrap

"Our mother taught us how to do it properly and since then we haven't stopped. Cathy and I have always enjoyed arts and crafts and were always doing something to keep ourselves busy when we were younger.

"But knitting and crochet is what we do best and over the years we have made hundreds of things from blankets to baby clothes.

"At Russells Hall there is a maternity ward and new mothers love to come and see what we are selling for them to wrap their newborn babies in."

Mrs Smart, aged 55, used to work in a shop but now spends as much time as possible knitting garments for family and friends as well as the stall.

Her 59-year-old sister, from Nether-ton, who works as a foster mother, uses any free time she has to teach the craft to the children in her care. Mrs Smart says:



Yvonne Smart, right, with her husband David and her sister, Catherine Glear

"We rarely have any spare time because we are both always really busy, but when we do you can bet that we will be holding a pair of knitting needles."

"It is really simple to learn how to knit and once you've mastered it, it's like riding a bike, you never forget."

"I think knitting is becoming even more popular now and a number of celebrities have also started to take it up, including Geri Halliwell, Russell Crowe and the Duchess of Cambridge."

"It just goes to show that you can be any age and still enjoy it and make a

being able to make something from scratch that will be made of good strong quality and will last for years.

"Just knowing that there is nothing on the high street that looks remotely similar is fantastic."

"My favourite thing to make is scarves and I am about to start making some for Christmas. Scarves aren't too difficult and you can use wild and wacky patterns for a bold effect."

"Cathy has made scarves with little pockets for some of her foster children and we have made lots of pretty things in the past for peoples birthdays."

"We have got a fantastic backing from our family and lots of people tell us how wonderful our creations are which is lovely to hear."

Because of the high demand for their products, the sisters are running out of wool and are desperately appealing for more.

Wool

A team of 23 volunteers helps them to knit and sell their products at the hospital in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance and the two are now also making a plea to the public to donate any unwanted craft items, such as beads, buttons, broken jewellery and unwanted gifts.

"We always need wool and unwanted items so if any members of the public have any to give to us then we would be more than grateful," says Mrs Smart.

"We are truly passionate about the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and really enjoy knitting, so we thought selling our knitted goods was the perfect way to fundraise for the service."

"We support the Air Ambulance because it is a marvellous charity that receives no government funding and relies completely on public support."

"If people could help us to continue to support them by donating that would mean a lot to us."

Anyone wanting to donate wool or find out more about supporting the charity should visit www.midlandsairambulance.com or call 0800 840 2040.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

LABOUR MP Renee Short held on to her Wolverhampton North-East seat by the skin of her teeth in the General Election. After two dramatic recounts Mrs Short saw her majority of more than 6,000 slashed to just 214.

CHARLIE, the beer-swilling parrot, was feeling blue after his owner called time on his use of foul language. Licensee Jim Willets vowed to clean up Charlie's bawdy banter after customers complained at The Swan in Amblecote.

PUPILS from Uplands Junior School in Finchfield were left upset after their visit to the House of Commons was called off due to the General Election. But they cheered up when the Queen invited them to see the State opening of Parliament procession from the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

1993...

A FLOWER arranger from Wordsley won a top international award for her traditional arrangement of fresh flowers. Elaine Williams came first in her class at the World Association of Flower Arrangers championships in Canada.

WALSALL swimmer Nick Gillingham produced his fastest ever 100m backstroke swim at the European trials in Sheffield. It was his first competitive race since winning the 200m bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics.

POOR weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of competitors at a Penkridge school's It's A Knockout-style tournament. Pupils at Penkridge Middle School raised more than £500 for school funds after taking on obstacles such as the Killer Hill water slide.

2003...

A WOLVERHAMPTON grandfather was preparing to fly to Puerto Rico for a world championship after smashing a British sprinting record at the age of 75. Alan Meddings, of Tettenhall, sliced a full second off the previous over-75s world record for the 100m at the British Championships in Derby.

MORE than 1,000 of Wolverhampton's 27,000 street lights were replaced over a 12-month period. The move came as part of a renewal programme to help reduce residents' fear of crime.

WOLVES chairman Sir Jack Hayward celebrated his 80th birthday at a family reunion, but said his best present was the club's promotion to the Premier League. Sir Jack said he still would not believe his team were in the top flight until he got to see the fixture list.

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LETTERS

Let's have our own leisure centre

I HAVE written before on the demolition of Coseley Baths in 2009, and the money that has been spent on Stourbridge's Leisure Centre.

Now it seems Stourbridge is in for another windfall of two and a half million pounds from the lottery to be spent on Mary Stevens Park, yet only £2m was needed to repair the well-used Coseley baths. Now all we have in Coseley is a derelict piece of land where it once stood.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all in favour of preserving our parks, historic buildings, and swimming pools, but when vast amounts of money, even if it is lot-

tery funding, has been continuously spent in one part of the Dudley Borough, while other parts are not having their fair share of funding for their amenities it goes against the grain with me. We in Coseley are being charged for amenities that we are not receiving.

Also in 1999 two plans were issued for public consultation for Coseley playing fields/park. One was chosen but today only part of those plans has been carried out. It did include changing rooms to be renovated for those who play football there, but when the vandals struck it, it was demolished.

Same old story - vandals getting

their own way, the innocents pay the price, and still no changing rooms for the footballers.

Why can't Coseley have its own replacement swimming pool/leisure centre? We had one before, and it catered for all ages.

What are Coseley councillors doing to rectify this situation? Let's see them cut the red tape on the opening of a new leisure centre/swimming pool in Peartree Lane, Coseley, and keep us on a par with the other boroughs.

P A JORDAN
Peartree Lane
Coseley

Famous names who appeared at theatre

IN a conversation with my sister-in-law this weekend she told me you were receiving letters against demolishing Dudley Hippodrome.

As an ex-Midlander I would like to add my voice to that as in my courting days I spent many happy hours there, seeing lots of names that went on to become very famous.

My late husband who was studying at Birmingham University often recounted the tale of meeting Stan Laurel on a bus (it was the 125 service) going from Dudley to Birmingham Hippodrome where they, Laurel & Hardy, were due to appear.

I would love to think, when visiting the area that I could go to the theatre there again. I also have many good memories of the Express & Star which we had every evening.

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Politicians are to blame for atrocities

NO-ONE in their right mind would condone the barbaric murder of Drummer Lee Rigby, and to describe his killers as animals is an insult to every other species of animal.

Those Muslim community leaders who have unreservedly condemned the murder deserve our praise and those who haven't deserve nothing but contempt and condemnation.

All that said, the ranting words of one of the alleged killers should not be ignored.

The danger is they will be, by politicians as they continue to try to justify our interference in other countries' internal affairs, and as they stay in denial of their part in the deaths of victims of radicalised Islamists and, of course, the continued pointless waste of our troops' lives in Afghanistan.

The killing of Lee Rigby will achieve nothing. What it has done is left yet another innocent family grieving and given white extremists an excuse to attack the majority of decent Muslims, along with the radical minority, when they ought to be verbally attacking the real culprits in Parliament.

R A SARGEANT
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Parking changes threaten traders

IN your coverage of the disabled parking issue in Stourbridge you failed to mention the clandestine nature of the operation, carried out overnight without consultation.

The whole of Drury Lane has been given over to disabled parking, leaving no normal parking there.

It is totally unsuitable for disabled parking, being away from the shops and on a slope, treacherous in winter. As to shops having to compromise, I have been in retail for 50 years and know that the loss of 10 parking spaces can turn a profitable business into a basket case in no time.

Needless to say Drury Lane parking spaces are now empty all day while the local shops suffer a loss of trade. Another nail in the Stourbridge coffin before Tesco bangs the lid down.

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Walsall District General - Sister Dora - Hospital, Wednesbury Road, around 1896. It was demolished for modern apartments



Walsall Science and Art Institute, Bradford Place, circa 1896. The building is now being used as offices



The Old Woolpack, a Tudor pub in Walsall High Street, demolished in 1892, replaced by shops

Peeking into past with town's picture album

AT WALSALL Local History Centre there are thousands of local photographs, from the early 1860s to the present day.

Such collections are obviously the first place to look for historic images. But there is another rich source of photographs - old books.

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Many included photos, some of a very high standard, given the limitations on print quality at the time.

Books like town guides were a matter of civic pride, and these as well as others such as trade directories, albums promoting local places and businesses, and yet more commemorating events, are all worth looking at for that rare historic picture.

by Stuart Williams

One particularly interesting book is *The Walsall Album*, published by William Henry Robinson in 1898. It showcases buildings which were already historic in Victorian times. Many have long since disappeared, or have changed appearance.

Extraordinary

Thanks to Mr Robinson, a prominent local newspaper editor, printer, publisher, author, astronomer and leading light of the Walsall Literary Institute, some extraordinary images of Walsall, Bloxwich, Rushall and Great Barr have been preserved.

These are through photographs commissioned by him, a few of which, taken by Draycott of Walsall, are reproduced here.

The *Walsall Album* also offers a fascinating slice of industrial and business life in the town in the

many full-page adverts. While Walsall is famous for its saddlery trade, it becomes obvious, when reading this book and others, that it was just one of many in the 'Town of a Hundred Trades'.

Remarkable books such as this and *South Staffordshire Illustrated* (c1899), *Walsall Past and Present* (1905), the *Walsall Red Books* (1872-1939), and more, offer a fascinating insight into how the Victorians saw themselves as well as revealing many lost townscapes. All are waiting to be rediscovered among the thousands of historic volumes preserved in the Local Studies Library at Walsall Local History Centre.

Prints of pictures are available to purchase, as well as a wide range of books. For local and family history, drop into the centre in Essex Street, which is part of Walsall Council. Telephone 01922 721305. For details see www.walsall.gov.uk/local-historycentre



The Grand Theatre, corner of Park Street and Station Street, circa 1896. Superdrug stands on the spot today



Bridge Street Congregational Chapel, Bridge Street, Walsall, circa 1896. It was demolished to make way for a 1960s office building

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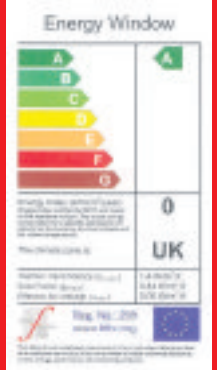
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NEWS

Scrapped forces merger plans 'should be revived'

PLANS, which were scrapped earlier this year, for two West Midlands police forces to share services should be revived in the wake of the terrorist attack in Woolwich, claims a police chief.

West Midlands and Staffordshire police were looking at combining their armed response teams, dog support and training as well as tactical planning and road policing.

However, Staffordshire backed out of the plans in March saying it was not the 'right thing' for the county.

Now, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones said he hoped the plans would still go ahead - and insisted they would help the response to a major incident like the attack on Drummer Lee Rigby last month.

Response

The proposals were first mooted back in 2011 in a move which, it was hoped, would save the forces £650,000 a year.

But it was also feared the changes could mean increased response times to incidents and that staff may resist the proposals.

Mr Jones said: "A collaboration between the forces would mean we would be in a better position to respond to the big incidents like Woolwich."

He added: "We are still looking at this but Staffordshire had reservations about certain elements. However, his counterpart in Staffordshire said any joint working would only go ahead if it would benefit people in the area."

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said, a review found the operational case is not strong enough to support these original collaboration proposals."

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The power station silo which was built at Pressvess, in Kingswinford

DUDLEY workmanship will be keeping a power station going after a massive silo was dispatched from a manufacturing plant.

The silo, which is 47ft long, 14ft wide and weighs 10 tons, is for Drax Power Station near Selby, Yorkshire.

It was made by Kingswinford stainless steel fabricators Pressvess and carefully loaded on to a specialist lorry before travelling through the town at slow speed at the start of an eight hour journey.

Pressvess works manager Lee Deakin said at its destination the silo would be installed by their team from the Stallings Lane company. He said: "This is part of a large contract, we're a well-established company and we're

growing quite well. Everything went without a problem."

Pressvess was commissioned to design, build and install the lime dosing silo by Halesowen air filtration specialists Lodge Cotterell.

It will be fully installed at Drax, a large coal-fired power station, this week. It is among recent power station projects the company is doing with Lodge Cotterell.

Pressvess marketing manager Tom Mason said: "Visually this silo is very impressive due to the sheer scale."

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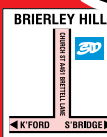
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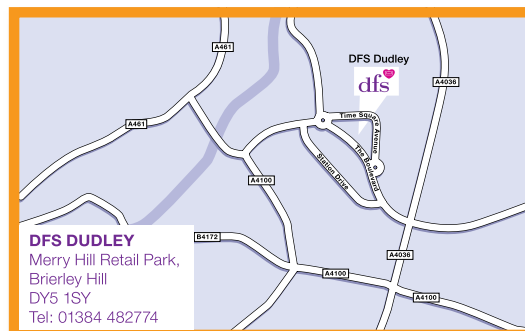
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NEWS

Expert to visit sites of rioting

A SENIOR civil servant tasked with reviewing a 127-year-old piece of riot legislation will be in the Midlands tomorrow (Friday).

Neil Kingham, who is examining The Riot Damages Act 1886, will visit Birmingham. Birmingham City Council said in a statement: "As part of the review, Mr Kingham will be visiting the areas most affected by the riots of August 2011."

"He is keen to hear the views of local residents and businesses who were affected by the riots," He is also in talks with Sandwell Council about a visit.

Government pledge over privatising fire service

WEST Midlands Fire Service will not be privatised, a government minister has pledged. The promise came in response to a call for reassurance from a Black Country MP during a debate in Parliament.

Adrian Bailey, Labour MP for West Bromwich West, said people had been alarmed by fire service minister Brandon Lewis' letter to a regulatory committee saying that fire and rescue authorities should be able to contract out 'some or all' of their services.

Mr Bailey said: "The fact is that, as part of his

drive to make further savings, he wants to remove, as he said in his letter, the legal obstacles to the privatisation of the emergency fire services.

"Given that West Midlands Fire Service is already two years into a programme to cut its budget by nearly a quarter, and has lost nearly 10 per cent of its firefighters, my constituents will regard with alarm," Mr Bailey was then cut off by Speaker John Bercow who pressed him to ask a question.

Mr Bailey continued: "Will the minister assure my constituents that these moves will not result in a privatised, non-publicly accountable emer-

gency fire service?"

Mr Lewis replied: "I have made clear on more than one occasion that we will not privatise the fire service, notwithstanding the scaremongering of members of his party."

"He should also note, if he is not already aware of it, that West Midlands fire service is currently advertising for firefighters."

In his letter Mr Lewis said: "Fire and rescue authorities should be able to adopt alternative models for the delivery, under contract, for some or all of their services. Certain provisions in existing legislation preclude some services from being delivered by alternative providers."

On cress of a wave



Lydia England shows her skills with watercress

A WEST Midland student has cooked her way to the top in a national competition at a festival celebrating watercress.

Lydia England took to the stage at the annual Watercress Festival in Alresford, Hampshire, for her first-ever live recipe demonstration after gaining the title of the Great British Watercress Cook Off Champion 2013.

Fighting off stiff competition from chefs, cookery teachers and amateur cooks, 21-year-old Lydia, of Kidderminster, impressed the panel of judges with her watercress and goat's cheese tart with walnut pastry. Not only did the dish have to taste fantastic, but Lydia had to prove she had enough showmanship to keep the crowds at the Watercress Festival entertained.

She managed both and earned £2,000 and a trophy. Lydia's interest in watercress was sparked when watercress farmer Dr Steve Rothwell visited the University of Reading, where she is a student. He spoke about its health properties and explained how studies had revealed watercress was an important element in the fight against cancer.

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One tremendously satisfied customer is Rick Houghton. Having being recommended to Choices Windows by colleagues at work he employed them to carry out extensive work at his home, he is keen to share his experiences and commend the team involved.

"Every stage of the process was excellently planned and we received nothing but the best service from start to finish. The tradesmen were outstanding and we were so impressed that we handed over our keys and went on holiday whilst the work was being carried out."

Rick and his family were absolutely thrilled and utterly delighted with the results on their return.

"We are so grateful to Nathan and his team for transforming our home into something we could only have dreamed of," remarked Rick.

Keen to keep ahead in the style stakes, Nathan is ever aware of the latest designs, materials and colours on offer, and strives to make these available to his customers.

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Mario's mighty motor on show



From left are Ricky Brown, Steve Bishop, Terry Aston and Matt Bishop with the jet turbine Mario cart and a model Red Arrows Hawk aircraft

WHAT is claimed to be the world's first jet powered racing cart will be one of the main attractions at this year's International Model Air Show at Weston Park.

Father and son team Steven and Matthew Bishop, have put a scaled-down jet turbine, similar to that of a Boeing 747, in a model car and painted it in the style of the popular game hero Mario.

Steven, aged 51, and his 24-year-old son believe the car has a top speed of around 180 miles per hour.

Steven said: "We've done this for the children, but now we've got bookings for it from all over the world. We've always built model

jets but it's been a dream of mine to put a jet engine in a vehicle."

Mr Bishop got the opportunity to fulfil his dream last year when company 27Three displayed their model cars at the air show.

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He said: "It looks so comical, it's a small car with only enough room for one person but it's so noisy. It's also fast. We think it is the world's first."

The pair both belong to the Wrekin Model Flying Club. It will be officially displayed at the model air show from June 14 to 16.

Severn Valley volunteers given royal recognition

VOLUNTEERS who work tirelessly to keep the Severn Valley Railway on track have had their outstanding achievement recognised by the Queen.

A group of 1,300 volunteers carry out a tasks from rebuilding bridges to restoring locomotives.

Railway bosses say without their

'passion, commitment and enthusiasm' the heritage line between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth could not continue to operate.

The team has now been given The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to coincide with the 60th anniversary of her Coronation.

In celebration of the achievement, four long-standing volunteers from the Severn Valley Railway - Hugh

McQuade, Columb Howell, Gary Williams and Martin White - were invited to sample some Royal hospitality at The Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

The four rubbed shoulders with the Queen, Princess Eugenie and the Princess Royal, who revealed she is a steam enthusiast after once being invited to drive a steam train.

A commemorative piece of crystal

and certificate signed by the Queen will shortly be presented to the railway by the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire and will be displayed in pride of place.

Mr Howell, who was among the Preservation Group which relaunched the railway in 1965 and whose main role is now volunteer driver, described the award as a great honour.

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Court security staff are to be caretakers as well

SECURITY guards will have to change light bulbs and repair fixtures and fittings at magistrates' and crown courts, prompting concerns safety will be compromised.

Staff who check bags, confiscate weapons and respond to trouble in court, are being trained to upkeep the buildings in a bid to save costs. But the role merger has been slammed by the Public and Commercial Services union who say the safety of victims, witnesses and the public could be put at risk. Global security giant G4S, which manages 28 courts across the West Midlands, is behind the plans. Around 40 staff in the region could be affected.

The company has a £300 million government contract to provide security, cleaning and maintenance for five years at 340 Ministry of Justice sites. Currently, contractors are called in for maintenance works.

Andrew Lloyd, Midlands regional secretary of the PCS union, said: "My initial response would be that this will of course compromise security."

"These people play a vital role in keeping order in our courts and for them to effectively be asked to be do a caretaker's job on top of their principal duties is outrageous."

G4S spokesman Michael Baker said staff would do their extra jobs during quieter periods. He said: "A key part of our successful bid to manage security and facilities at courts for the Ministry of Justice was to give additional training to some security staff so they are also able to provide some general maintenance tasks."

Owners of bikes sought

POLICE are searching for the owners of two mountain bikes recovered in Kidderminster. One mountain bike is a golden orange and the other was a red, purple and black Diamond Back mountain bike. It had two Tioga mountain bike wheels and tyres. Any owner who has had a bike stolen, can contact 101, quoting incident 111-s-010613.

Laura's flower power



Laura Leong who has won a gold at the famous Chelsea Flower Show

A DUDLEY florist has achieved a life goal after winning her first gold medal and a top accolade with her exhibit at this recent Chelsea Flower Show.

Laura Leong, aged 41, from Kingswinford, has spent almost a 25 years honing her craft to become a floral designer, lecturer and demonstrator. She struck gold with her

third exhibit at the event. It led to her being named the show's florist of the year, beating off competition from contestants across the UK. Her design incorporated a 3D whirlpool effect using succulents and cream-coloured orchids.

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NEWS

College is ranked with the best by inspectors

DUDLEY College has been named in the top 10 per cent in England by Ofsted inspectors who heaped praise on its £30 million Learning Quarter scheme.

The scheme provides 'outstanding' accommodation and resources for students, inspectors said.

The Learning Quarter includes the Dudley Evolve vocational campus, which opened last September on the site of the former fire station in Tower Street.

A £6m manufacturing and engineering complex - called Dudley Advance - is also planned for a site off Priory Road.

Principal Lowell Williams said the report highlighted the college's 'positive impact' on the town and the community.

The Ofsted report ranked all areas of the college as 'good' or better, noting the college's many outstanding features. Inspectors particularly praised the college for its 'very high' success rates, 'outstanding' accommodation and resources across the new quarter. The college's visual arts provision area was also said to be 'outstanding'.

Mr Williams said: "We have ambitious plans for Dudley College over the next decade and now have a strong foundation."

"With every area graded good or better we are now firmly ranked in the top 10 per cent of colleges in England. It's fantastic that the report repeatedly refers to the college as 'outstanding', 'excellent', 'impressive' and 'effective'. These comments are testimony to the exceptional hard work of all of our staff, students and governors."

Choir to chart ages of man

A CHOIR is to perform a work called The Ages Of Man in Wolverhampton. The Wombourne and District Choral Society will sing a journey of the various stages of life. The concert is on July 13 at Beckminster Methodist Church, Birches Barn Road, Penn, at 7.30pm. Entry is £8, under-16s free.

A steaming good rally



Brian Harris, of Ellesmere, with his Garrett roller, dog Jasper, Robert Bate, of Wolverhampton, and Tom Sanders

THOUSANDS of families turned out to enjoy the annual Steam and Vintage Rally in the Black Country.

This year's event had more exhibits than ever, despite the fact bosses scrapped the popular parade as part of a bid to save costs.

An array of traction engines and motorcycles were on show along with vintage organs, stationary steam engines and working equipment from the past, as well as vintage and modern day funfairs, trade stalls and a craft marquee.

Vintage buses were also doing trips around West Park, Wolverhampton for youngsters to enjoy. Among the residents to attend was Liz Blundell, of Paget Road,

Wolverhampton, who went along with her sons Thomas, aged two, and James, aged six.

She said: "It is a great family day out. The engines have been brilliant to look at and the boys even got to sit in a fire engine which they enjoyed. They also liked the stalls and the tombolas as well as the rides. The weather has been brilliant as well."

Also in attendance was Dan Griffin, of Blackheath, who took along his three and a half gauge Britannia built by his grandad in 1954.

The 39-year-old said: "We have had a lot of interest. When people found out how old it was they were quite impressed."

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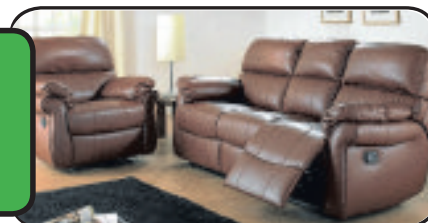
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NEWS

London protest against hunger

MORE than 100 campaigners from the West Midlands including people from Halesowen and Stourbridge joined a big public rally at London's Hyde Park on Saturday, to protest against hunger.

Katy Cook, 27, from Cradley Heath, was among people from the West Midlands who travelled to London as part of the Enough Food For Everyone IF campaign.

The campaign is calling for action by the leaders of the eight richest countries (G8) to eliminate hunger. Katy who is originally from Stourbridge, said: "One in eight people go to bed hungry every night. Every 15 seconds a child dies of hunger."

"I want Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron and the G8 to take action to end hunger by investing in nutrition, end tax dodging, and to stop land grabs that use land for bio-fuels, not food."

"I want to be part of the generation to help end hunger."

Weight for it

THE annual Paperweight Day at Kingswinford's Broadfield House Glass Museum on Sunday, will include demonstrations of glass paperweight-making and dealers selling their wares. The event is 10am to 4pm and admission is free.

Landmark Co-op store gets £600,000 revamp

A LANDMARK building on a gateway into Dudley town centre will be returned to its former glory as part of a £600,000 revamp.

Work to restore the old Co-op department store on Dudley High Street to its 1930s original appearance has got under way.

Original tiles and coping stones will be cleaned and repaired while the metal-framed windows will be restored.

Contractors will also bring back the original fascias, currently obscured behind modern signs, to reinstate the historic shop front.

The building, which dates back to 1939, was designed by Dudley-based architects, Webb and Gray and was built by Dudley contractor, Mark Round and Sons.

It was originally faced in cream and blue tiles, made by the Stourbridge Glazed Brick Company.

Merger

The building was opened as the Co-operative's central department store in 1939, and it closed as a Co-op in 1983 following a merger between the Dudley and Birmingham Societies.

Work on the building is expected to be completed in the autumn and Dudley's regeneration chief Councillor Judy Foster said: "The regeneration of Dudley town centre has accelerated greatly over the last years and this restoration project is another exciting step forward. The work will ensure the gateway into the town at the top of the High Street next to Top Church is significantly improved."

"As part of our Love Your Community campaign, Dudley Council is committed to being a community council and this sensitive restoration scheme is part of improving the buildings and the environment for borough residents and visitors."

The six-month project is being carried out through Dudley Council's Townscape Heritage Initiative.



Councillor Judy Foster with, left, Bob Blunt of Thomas Blunt Partnership which owns the building, Roy Pugh, of Jennings Homer & Lynch architects, Matt Wood from Speller Metcalfe contractors and Emma Pardoe, of Dudley's Townscape Heritage Initiative.

Young to help with fighting criminals

A SERIES of youth crime commissioners could be appointed to represent areas of the West Midlands.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones has ruled out the idea of a single young person taking the role - saying it is 'too big a job'. But he revealed a board of youth commissioners could instead be appointed.

The idea came from a summit of more than 200 young people organised by Mr Jones.

He said he felt there would be too much pressure on one young person representing the whole West Midlands.

The posts, likely to be unpaid, would be filled through interviews later in the year.

Mr Jones said: "We are consulting on having one or two from each area very similar to way youth MPs work. They would come together periodically as a youth and crime commission for the West Midlands."

MP backs charity

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James is backing a campaign to raise awareness of the early signs of avoidable sight loss. The campaign is run by the Royal National Institute of Blind People. It aims to help people spot the signs of age-related macular degeneration which is the biggest cause of sight loss in the UK.

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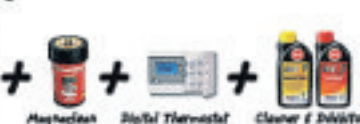
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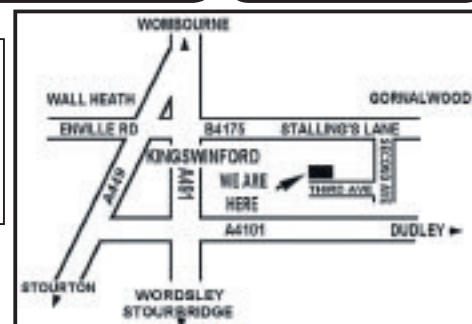
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What's On! Dudley

REVIEW

Ghost The Musical Grand Theatre

IF there is anything likely to boost the attendance at pottery classes this is it! The smash-hit musical Ghost, direct from the West End, is simply out of this world.

And although that memorable potter's wheel part of the film seemed to be passed over quickly the packed Grand Theatre was still held spellbound by the dazzling state-of-the-art staging and terrific effects.

Based on the Oscar-winning movie that captured the hearts of a generation in the 90s, Ghost is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. Sam is trapped as a ghost between this world and the next trying to communicate with girlfriend Molly through a phoney psychic in the hope of saving her from his murderer.

Moving

Stewart Clarke as Sam was unstoppable as he dashed around the stage, 'walking' through doors and pretending to be invisible and certainly had a very good voice. It must have been very hard for the rest of the cast to act as though he wasn't actually standing next to them.

Girlfriend Molly (Rebecca Trehearn) who gave a very moving performance. As well as the very poignant moments there were plenty of laughs thanks to the psychic Oda Mae Brown (Wendy Mae Brown).

Ghost continues at the Grand until Saturday.

SUE ATTWATER

Take That's Mark on the art of being busy doing nothing

Stand-up star going Public in 'small' show

HIP comic Russell Kane is heading to the Black Country for a gig at West Bromwich venue The Public this autumn.

Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Kane is the biggest name yet to play the controversial arts centre and is due to appear on Saturday, October 5.

One of the most sought after stand-ups in the UK, the I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Now! presenter will be performing at the town centre venue as part of his nationwide Smallness tour.

The Jedward-haired stand-up will be taking a comic look at Britain's fascination with smallness.

Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "We're absolutely thrilled that Russell Kane will bring his new show to The Public in what is a real coup for West Bromwich."

Tickets are £17.50 and are available via www.thepublic.com or by calling 0121 533 7161.

Other comedy dates coming up at The Public include professional grumpy old woman Jenny Eclair with her brand new show Eclairious on June 15, and Gina Yashere on October 19.



Russell Kane, pictured with small friend, has a Black Country date

WITH Take That taking their first major break since reuniting in 2006, superstar singer Mark Owen might be expected to be enjoying a well-deserved rest.

But instead the 41-year-old heart-throb from Oldham will be spending this month promoting his fourth solo album with a series of gigs - including a concert at The Institute in Birmingham tomorrow night (Friday).

The album, ironically entitled The Art of Doing Nothing, and its lead single Stars, were both released this week.

Songs

According to Mark, he's not very good at doing nothing.

"I've been making songs for 20 years now and I don't really know what else to do," he said.

"It's my hobby and my day job all in one."

The album is his most collaborative to date, featuring a duet with Salford songstress Ren Harvieu and London rapper Jake Emlay, who was recommended to him by Robbie Williams.

Tickets for Friday's gig at the venue in Digbeth High Street cost £25.



Solo album and summer tour for Take That's Mark Owen

Welsh opera triple choice

WELSH National Opera returns to Birmingham Hippodrome with three productions over four days.

WNO stage Richard Wagner's epic Lohengrin from 5.30pm today (Thursday) and Saturday, following Wagner Dream, Jonathan Harvey's bicentenary tribute to the German composer, last night.

They stage Puccini's Madam Butterfly tomorrow evening.

Artist's work in display spotlight

WALL Heath artist Keith Turley has an art exhibition at Dudley's Himley Hall until September 1.

The collection, called All in a Day's Work, includes paintings of people in different environments such as work and leisure.

Many of the paintings are large and each has taken months to prepare and complete.

There are also portraits, figures and landscapes with a local flavour.

Canal trip offers taste of adventure

ADVENTURERS can explore Dudley's tunnels with the Dudley Canal Trust on the first Sunday of the month.

The tour gives people the chance to travel the full 2,888m of the mighty Dudley tunnel and see the limestone mines and caverns in the 45 minute trip.

There is also a music and light show in the Singing Cavern. The cost is £11.80 for adults and £10.80 for seniors or children. For more information call 0121 557 6265.

School's fun day

LUTLEY Primary School holds a fun day in Brookwillow Road, Halesowen, on Saturday. The event is organised by the school's parents, teachers and friends' association to raise money for the school. There will be stalls, music and entertainment between noon and 3pm.

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Huw Edwards
Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade Highlights BBC2, 6.30pm

As far as pomp and ceremony go, nobody does them quite like the Brits. And there's no event in the British calendar as grand, lavish or darn impressive as Trooping the Colour. Here, Huw Edwards introduces the best moments from this morning's military parade when the Queen's Colour was trooped by the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards at Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall, London, to mark the monarch's official birthday, with members of the royal family, invited guests and the public in attendance.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade. **1.05** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **1.20** Tennis from Queen's. **5.25** A Question of Sport: A-Z. **5.55** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.40** BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

7.00 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present the live semi-final, which sees the eight remaining acts perform individually before taking part in a group number with their coaches.

9.10 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Matt Johnson presents the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws, along with the Lotto Plus 5 results.

9.20 Casualty. Tom faces a dilemma about truth and confidentiality regarding an unborn baby's paternity, and Sam tries to help a man deal with his anger and give him a chance to save his marriage.

10.10 BBC News: Weather: National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Brazil v Japan. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the opening match of the Confederations Cup, as the Group A sides met at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia.

11.10 Film: No Strings Attached. (2011) Premiere. Two friends try to have a purely sexual relationship, but find themselves falling in love nonetheless. Romantic comedy, starring Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher.

12.50 Weatherwise. **12.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.25** Film: The Gay Diplomat. (1931) **7.30** Film: The Fabulous Dorsey. (1947) **8.55** A History of Scotland. (R) **10.00** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.30** The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. (R) **11.30** Nature's Great Events. (R) **12.30** Just a Minute. (R) **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Film: Tim. (1979) **3.45** Coast. **4.15** Natural World: Tiger Island. (R) **5.15** Flog It! (R)

6.00 Dad's Army. The platoon plans to re-enact the battle between St George and the dragon as part of the Wings for Victory fundraising effort — unaware the ARP wardens have the same idea. (R)

6.30 Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade Highlights. Huw Edwards introduces the best moments from this morning's military parade when the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards trooped its colour to mark the Queen's official birthday.

8.00 Live International Rugby Union. Argentina v England (Kick-off 8.10pm). Coverage of the second fixture in a two-match series, as the sides meet at the Estadio Jose Amalfitani in Buenos Aires.

10.00 Film: A Serious Man. (2009) Premiere. A mild-mannered professor seeks spiritual advice as a series of disasters disrupts his life. Comedy, starring Michael Stuhlbarg and Richard Kind.

11.40 Film: Skeletons. (2010) Premiere. Two "emotional exorcists" able to psychically uncover people's dark secrets help a client find her missing husband. Fantasy, starring Ed Gaghan.

1.10 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** TV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** TV News: Weather. **11.30** Saturday Farm. **12.35** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.40** River Monsters. (R) **2.35** The Chase. (R) **3.35** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.05** Film: Happy Feet. (2006)

6.10 Regional Programme: Weather.

6.25 ITV News: Weather.

6.40 Film: Despicable Me. (2010) Premiere. An evil genius adopts three orphans to aid his latest plot, but fatherhood has a strange effect on him. Animated comedy, with the voices of Steve Carell and Jason Segel.

8.30 Goodbye Granadaland. Peter Kay bids a fond farewell to Granada Studios in Manchester, exploring the building from rooftop to basement and introducing archive clips from memorable shows produced there.

10.00 The Americans. The couple discover their murdered colleague Robert had a wife.

10.50 TV News: Weather.

11.05 Film: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. (1998) Four friends get out of their depth while trying to pay off a debt to a crime lord. Comedy, with Nick Moran.

1.00 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **4.25** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British Rallycross. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Frasier. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Heston's Fantastical Food. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Lloyd Cast hosts the final dinner party from the West Midlands. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 World's Weirdest Weather. Alex Beresford discovers how an unusual combination of weather phenomena created deadly storms in 1953, and investigates other strange water-related events such as giant hailstones.

8.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of the cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.

9.35 Film: Date Night. (2010) A married couple's romantic evening takes a dangerous turn when a case of mistaken identity leaves them on the run from gangsters. Comedy, with Tina Fey.

11.20 Film: Kingpin. (1996) Comedy, starring Woody Harrelson.

1.25 The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **2.55** Friday Night In. (R) **3.05** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.30** ThunderCats. (R) **11.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.00** Big Brother: Live Launch Part 2. (R) **1.30** CSI: NY. (R) **2.20** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** CSI: NY. (R) **4.10** CSI: NY. (R) **5.05** Film: The Sea Wolves. (1980) Adventure, with Gregory Peck.

7.20 5 News Weekend.

7.25 NCIS. Tony becomes obsessed with finding a woman whose brother has been murdered. (R)

8.15 NCIS. The team investigates when a fellow agent's burnt body is discovered, and Gibbs can no longer avoid revealing what happened in Mexico as the case progresses. (R)

9.10 Big Brother: Secrets & Lies. Highlights of the past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, who this year has promised plenty of twists and turns and game-changing tasks.

10.10 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. New series. Spin-off show in which presenter AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of experts and psychologists to analyse the behaviour of the housemates.

11.10 Neighbours: This Week. Hour-long episode featuring highlights from Ramsay Street over the past week, when Steph stepped up her plan to win Lucas back and Georgia ended her relationship with Kyle.

12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.30** Match of the Day Live. Brazil v Japan (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** Film: Con Air (1997) **11.50** Family Guy **BBC Four** **7.00** Oceans **8.00** The Riviera: A History in Pictures **9.00** Wallander: Sidetracked **10.25** The Beach Boys: Do It Again **11.20** The Beach Boys: Live at Knebworth **ITV2** **2.50** Film: Dragonheart (1996) **4.50** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: LOL Moments **5.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Singers & Dancers **6.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Cutest Moments Ever **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Most Amazing Moments **9.00** Film: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) **11.10** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: LOL Moments **ITV3** **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Blue Murder **11.30** Wire in the Blood **ITV4** **2.30** Lonesome Dove **6.30** British Touring Car Championship **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00** Film: Buried (2010) **E4** **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** The Mindy Project **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** Film: Hitman (2007) **10.50** The Inbetweeners **Film4** **2.45** The Truman Show (1998) **4.40** Picture Perfect (1997) **6.40** Pride (2007) Fact-based drama, starring Terrence Howard. **9.00** Devil (2010) **10.35** Cellular (2004)

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The White Queen

BBC1, 9pm
After weeks of trailers, this epic, 10-part drama based on Philippa Gregory's best-selling, fact-based novel about three women's quest for power in 15th-century England – Elizabeth Woodville, Margaret Beaufort and Anne Neville. It begins with Elizabeth down on her luck, having been widowed when her husband was killed fighting for the deposed Lancastrian King Henry VI. Now destitute, her only hope of supporting her two young sons, is to use her beauty to capture the heart of her family's greatest enemy, young York King Edward IV.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. (R) **10.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the final of the Wimbledon warm-up event, held at the Queen's Club in London. Coverage continues on **BBC2, 5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Earthflight. (R)
6.35 **BBC News**: Regional News; Weather.
7.00 **Countryfile**. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison head to north Wales, where he visits Rhyl for an annual festival of forestry and she explores a strange and wonderful coastal habitat. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow**. The experts return to the North Yorkshire town of Scarborough, where items include a silver container found on a building site, a paperweight from Churchill's desk and a tiara.
9.00 **The White Queen**. New series. Epic historical drama set against the backdrop of the Wars of the Roses. King Edward IV causes controversy by marrying a commoner, Rebecca Ferguson and Max Irons star.
10.00 **BBC News**: Regional News; Weather.
10.25 **Match of the Day Live**. Spain v Uruguay (Kick-off 11.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the opening Group B match in the Confederations Cup, staged at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil.
1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** **BBC News**.

BBC2

6.00 This is BBC Two. **6.45** **Film**: Love Affair. (1939) **8.15** **Gardeners' World**. (R) **8.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Chinese Food Made Easy. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.05** EastEnders. (R) **4.00** Flog It! **5.00** Tennis from Queen's.
6.30 **Porridge**. (R)
7.00 **Peter Jones Meets**. The Dragons' Den star chats to Michael Acton Smith, the CEO of entertainment company Mind Candy, and Laura Tenson, founder of maternity wear and baby clothing firm JoJo Maman Bebe.
8.00 **Operation Snow Tiger**. Part two of two. Cameraman Max Hug Williams follows a tiger to see if she has new cubs, while Liz Bonnin searches for another female that has gone missing.
9.00 **Rise of the Continents**. Iain Stewart examines the effect of Australia's formation and development on Aboriginal history, modern-day mining and the evolution of its unique wildlife.
10.00 **Blackadder II**. A bloodthirsty bishop menaces Edmund. (R)
10.30 **Mock the Week**. Topical comedy quiz, hosted by Dara O Briain. (R)
11.00 **What a Load of Buzzcocks**. Highlights of the comedy quiz and music news stories from 2004. (R)
11.30 **Film: Valhalla Rising**. (2009) Premiere. Adventure, starring Mads Mikkelsen.
12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.50** Holby City. (R) **2.50** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** **ITV News**. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** **ITV News**: Weather. **11.30** **Film**: Agatha Christie's The Man in the Brown Suit. (1989) **1.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.30** A Touch of Frost. (R) **4.35** **Film**: Batteries Not Included. (1987)
6.35 **Regional Programme**: Weather.
6.45 **ITV News**: Weather.
7.00 **Tippling Point: Lucky Stars**. Kym Lomas, Rav Wilding and Dennis Taylor answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine, hoping to collect £20,000 for their chosen charity.
8.00 **Agatha Christie's Marple**. New series. The sleuth confronts dark magic while investigating the death of a fellow holiday-maker in the Caribbean. Julia McKenzie stars, with Antony Sher and Robert Webb.
10.00 **ITV News**: Weather.
10.15 **The Talent Show Story**. The history of TV talent contests, beginning with Susan Boyle discussing her breakthrough on BGT, and how Will Young beat Gareth Gates in Pop Idol. (R)
11.20 **Drama Trails**. **12.15** The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** **ITV** **Nightscreen**. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. **6.10** The Treacle People. (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Transylvania. **7.35** London Nocturne. **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** **Film**: The Three Musketeers. (1993) **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Channel 4 News. **5.55** The Political Slot.
6.00 **Film**: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold. (2009) The mischievous schoolgirls hunt for buried treasure after learning their headmistress Miss Fritton is descended from pirates. Comedy sequel, with Rupert Everett and Gemma Arterton.
8.00 **Terror in the Skies**. Aeronautical engineer Brendan Walker looks at how the reliance on increasingly complex technology in planes could cause pilots to make new kinds of errors.
9.00 **The Returned**. The French supernatural thriller continues. Simon approaches Adele, only for Thomas to find out about his "return", while Camille finds herself unable to fit back into her family.
10.05 **Film**: District 9. (2009) A South African bureaucrat gets stranded in an internment camp meant to segregate alien refugees from the human population. Sci-fi, starring Jason Cope.
12.10 **Film**: Hustle & Flow. (2005) **2.10** Southland. (R) **2.55** Hate That Smile. (R) **3.00** Location, Location. (R) **3.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.50** Countdown. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** The Mr Men Show. (R) **10.10** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.45** ThunderCats. (R) **11.10** William and Kate: Baby Makes Three. (R) **12.10** Big Brother: Secrets & Lies. (R) **1.10** BB BOTS: Rylan's Superized Celebrity Sunday. **2.10** **Film**: Dr Dolittle 3. (2008) **4.00** **Film**: Daddy Day Camp. (2007) **5.45** 5 News Weekend. **5.50** **Film**: Around the World in 80 Days. (2004)
8.00 **Once Upon a Time**. Rumpelstiltskin creates a new nation that allows him to cross the town border.
9.00 **Big Brother: Secrets & Lies**. Daily round-up of highlights.
10.00 **Film**: As Good as It Gets. (1997) Romantic comedy drama, starring Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt.
12.45 Campus PD. **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.30** Match of the Day Live. Mexico v Italy (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** The Call Centre **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!
BBC Four
7.00 The Dark Ages: An Age of Light **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** Fathers and Sons: Music for Father's Day **10.00** **Film**: My Afternoons with Marguerite (2010) **11.20** What's Going On? The Life and Death of Marvin Gaye
ITV2
2.25 **Film**: Dragonheart (1996) **4.35** You've Been Framed and Famous! **5.40** **Film**: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **8.15** **Film**: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **10.00** The Only Way is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Hell's Kitchen
ITV3
3.40 Inspector Morse **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** David Jason's Greatest Escapes **9.00** **Film**: Meet Joe Black (1998)
2.35 Lonesome Dove **6.40** **Film**: Escape to Victory (1981) **9.00** **Film**: Species III (2004) Sci-fi horror sequel, starring Sunny Mabrey. **11.15** Father's Day **11.40** McVicar (1980)
E4
4.30 90210 **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** **Film**: Hairspray (2007) **10.15** The Inbetweeners **11.15** Alan Carr: Chatty Man
Film4
3.00 Star Trek: Generations (1994) **5.15** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **7.05** Big Momma's House (2000) **9.00** Frozen (2010) Thriller, starring Emma Bell. **10.50** Saw (2004) Horror, starring Cary Elwes.

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Green Card, BBC1, 12.05am

A French musician wanting to start a new life in America and a New York woman vie for the perfect flat, only to discover the owner will only rent it out to a married couple. The unlikely pair realise they can solve their problem by getting hitched. However, suspicious immigration officials keep a close eye on them, forcing them to actually live together – and eventually the sham marriage turns into true love. Romantic comedy, with Gerard Depardieu and Andie MacDowell. (1990)

TUESDAY

Biker Boyz, BBC1, 11.35pm

The son of a mechanic killed in a crash is determined to honour his father's memory by becoming a champion motorcycle racer. However, the leader of the underground motorcycle club where his father worked refuses to let him join. Outraged, the young biker assembles his own team and vows to avenge the insult. Action drama, starring Laurence Fishburne, Derek Luke, Orlando Jones and Lisa Bonet. (2003)



Biker Boyz, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY

Flight 93, Channel 4, 2.20am

Fact-based drama about the events aboard the one plane used in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. After learning of the terrifying events at the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, the passengers realised what was happening and fought back to wrest control of the aircraft. Starring Jeffrey Nordling. (2006)

Columbo: A Stitch in Crime, ITV, 3am

The detective investigates the murder of a nurse, who was about to denounce a renowned cardiac surgeon for planning to murder the colleague helping him design a lucrative life-saving drug. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, Leonard Nimoy and Will Geer. (1973)

FRIDAY

The Deer Hunter, ITV, 10.35pm

The lives of three American steelworkers and their families are torn apart in the wake of the Vietnam War. After enduring horrific treatment in a prison camp during the conflict, the three friends return to their homes but struggle to readjust to normal life. Oscar-winning drama, starring Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken, Meryl Streep, John Savage and John Cazale. (1978)

The Shipping News, BBC2, 11.05pm

A man struggling to rebuild his life after the death of his emotionally distant wife moves to a small town with his daughter and estranged aunt, where he undergoes a profound journey of self-discovery. Lasse Hallström's drama, starring Kevin Spacey and Julianne Moore. (2001)

Bringing Hollywood style to Peterborough

When you think of interior décor, what springs to mind? For most of us, it probably means a new lick of paint, or some wallpapering to cover that unsightly crack on the wall, and maybe, if you're feeling flush, the odd piece of new furniture here and there.

Although it's a profession that's been around for many a moon, probably many of us hadn't paid much attention to the idea of employing such a person until Changing Rooms came along in 1996 and made stars of the likes of Linda Barker, Laurence Llewellyn-Bowen and Anna Ryder Richardson.

For many years, Carol Smillie looked on as they and their colleagues cleared out people's living rooms or bedrooms, took a humble piece of MDF and transformed the place into a palace.

Rarely looked as if their efforts could withstand a gust of air created by a slamming door, but for the five minutes they were on camera, they were pretty good.

Changing Rooms' success meant heaps of copycats series followed in

its wake, although in recent years, the home makeover genre has largely fallen out of the spotlight. But that could all be about to change... That's because Martyn Lawrence Bullard is heading to our screens in **Hollywood Me, Channel 4, Wednesday, 8.00pm**.

He's spent years working his way up Los Angeles's society ladder via his profession as an interior designer, and now boasts a client list that includes Elton John, Cher, Aaron Sorkin, the Osbournes and Christina Aguilera – eat your heart out, Linda and co!

Martyn has also presented several US shows, and now he's bringing his unique style to the UK for this new, six-part series – and we're promised that his renovations will please their home's owner, and will be standing for many years to come.

"Martyn is one of Hollywood's most sought-after and flamboyant interior designers and we are delighted that he is bringing his unique touch of eccentricity and celebrity glamour to unsuspecting members of the British public," says Channel 4's Dominic Bird.

Each edition will see Martyn jettison a British resident to California for a

Pick of the Week



Martyn Lawrence Bullard, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

Best of the Rest

Monday

Long Lost Family, ITV, 9pm

Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell return for this tear-jerking series that reunites, well, long-lost family members. But it's the latter for whom this first episode is going to hit rather close to home. Nicky was adopted as a child, and is now a patron of the British Association for Adoption and Fostering. He meets fireman Alan Ross-Harper who's searching for his birth mother who gave him up for adoption in 1958. Keep the tissues handy, as Davina pays a visit to reunite the mother and son. Meanwhile, 68-year-old Susan Udy is desperate to find the daughter she gave up for adoption when she was 21.

Tuesday

Something for Nothing, Channel 4, 8pm

Times are hard. Of course you don't need that pointing out – you're reminded every time you check your bank balance – which is why this little treat has dropped into the schedules at just the right time. Consumer journalist Harry Wallop is on a mission to find out how to live well, without spending a single penny. He's set himself the challenge of looking good, spending a night on the town and throwing a big shindig for the whole community... on a budget of absolutely nothing. The programme is bursting with tips on how to grab cash-free bargains and features some of the most successful freebie finders in the country, including Martha who bagged herself £26,000 worth of wedding freebies.

Frankie

BBC1, 9pm

Gemma Redgrave is no stranger to medical dramas – she used to be the star of Bramwell, the tale of a pioneering Victorian female doctor, who was constantly being belittled by her male colleagues. However, Frankie has given her a chance to play the snooty medic who's lost touch with her patients' needs for a change, as Dr Evans once again butts heads with our feisty district nurse. In the last in the current series, Frankie is frustrated when Nicky, a patient suffering from systemic lupus is told she is fit to work and has her benefits cut. Meanwhile, Dr Evans' solution is to prescribe her steroids so she can get through a shift at the supermarket.

Wednesday

Rhys Jones's Wildlife Patrol, BBC1, 7.30pm

Rhys Jones is a scientific consultant at Cardiff University who works with the police, wildlife groups and concerned members of the public in the fight to save our animals from humans, and humans from animals. Around half his work takes place in the field, investigating wildlife crime, while the other half is spent dealing with the conflicts caused when humans insist on dealing with the animals themselves. This new series, first broadcast in BBC Wales, follows his investigations into animal cruelty.

Love and Marriage

ITV, 9pm

Ken (Duncan Preston) fakes illness in an attempt to win Pauline (Alison Steadman) back. However, she ignores his efforts and goes to a posh hotel with new partner Peter. Meanwhile, a cash-strapped Kevin (Stewart Wright) pinches money from a deceased pensioner. When his mistress finally catch up with him, Sarah (Ashley Jensen) is stunned by the lies and dreads the fact her husband could be heading for prison.

Thursday

Airport Live, BBC2, 8pm

Documentary series Airport finished its run for good way back in 2008 (Jeremy Spake – remember him? – certainly has a lot to be thankful for since the show thrust him into mid-celebrity status). However, this latest series of Airport Live has shown that we've not lost our appetite for all things aviation. The team pitch up at Heathrow for the final time, as Dan Snow finds out if he has what it takes to become an air traffic controller, while Anita Piani discovers how planes might offer a quieter future.



Would I Lie to You?, Friday, BBC1, 8.30pm

Friday

Would I Lie to You?, BBC1, 8.30pm

On Super Saturday during the 2012 Olympics, the then little-known Greg Rutherford won gold in the long jump. A year ago, the unassuming sporting hero would probably have laughed if you'd told him that within 12 months he'd be an Olympic champion, have an MBE and be appearing on Would I Lie to You? But here he is, completing the third event in that particular trio. Whether he's as good at fibbing as he is jumping remains to be seen, but he'll be pitting his wits against broadcaster Kirsty Young, actress and writer Joanna Scanlan and German comedian Henning Wehn. As ever, Rob Brydon takes charge, while David Mitchell and Lee Mack are the team captains.

Britain's Secret Homes

ITV, 9pm

Michael Buerk and Bettany Hughes present another edition of the posh homes countdown show featuring 'cutting-edge CGI' (the law for most documentaries these days), while there is also archive footage and dramatic reconstruction. In episode three, Gethin Jones visits a B&B called Bodivan in North Wales; Homeland actor David Harewood visits Picton House, built by a man who came to Britain as a slave, but ended up as one of the country's richest men, and Rory McGrath visits St. Levan's cell, a ruined structure on the coast of Cornwall. Plus, Lucinda Lambton learns more about Renishaw Hall near Sheffield, and Ann Widdecombe visits a unique 18th-century abode in Devon.

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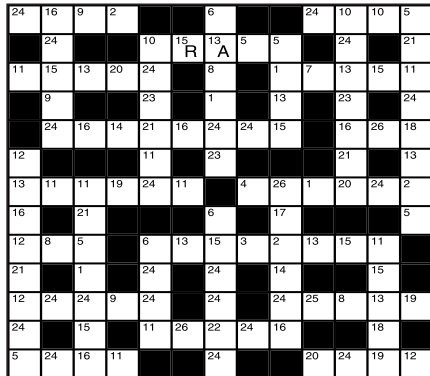
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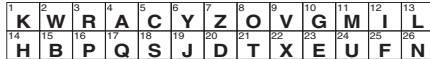
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

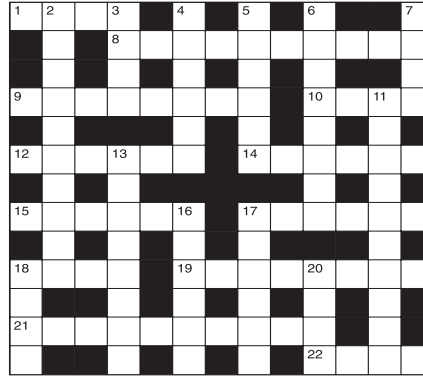
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1 & 10 Ac. It's a disadvantage to retreat (4,4)
 8. Being in another country, I repeat tax fiddle! (10)
 9. Fellow craftsman? (8)
 10. See 1 Across
 12. Shocking scares - the gentle touch is needed (6)
 14. The record will require only a small amount of time (6)
 15. Was consistent with a bad habit at table (6)
 17. Gaming-piece built to withstand attack (6)
 18. A kind of box, but not for clothing (4)
 19. Having no rash (8)
 21. Those blooming plots! (6-4)
 22. A bit of joint ownership for a sizeable community (4)

Down

2. The correct aspect is a matter of precise degree (5-5)
 3. To be in full cry? (4)
 4. To strike father back causes a shock (6)
 5. Current line of fast-moving vehicles (6)
 6. Breaks up the orchestras? (8)
 7. A number of cards providing a kind of hand (4)
 11. Stock market display in which bulls but not bears will feature! (6-4)
 13. Sounds as though I scan through the books, but they're a little above the pupils (8)
 16. Not a fertile place to leave (6)
 17. Mob round the East shouted triumphant! (6)
 18. A natural aptitude is present (4)
 20. Survive after everybody else (4)



Quick Clues:

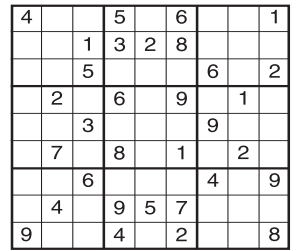
Across

1. Blackleg (4)
 8. Power of command (10)
 9. Contour line of equal temperature (8)
 10. Uniform (4)
 12. Climb (6)
 14. To moderate (6)
 15. Let (6)
 17. Strangeness (6)
 18. Sore on the eyelid (4)
 19. Muddling (8)
 21. Merge (10)
 22. Require (4)

Down

2. Compatible (10)
 3. Blemish (4)
 4. Obvious (6)
 5. Allow (6)
 6. Respected (8)
 7. Twirl (4)
 11. Voters (10)
 13. Coming from the east (8)
 16. Lower (6)
 17. Severe trial (6)
 18. Break suddenly (4)
 20. Begin (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	2	1	7	3	4	5	9	6
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Atoll; 8 Scruple; 9 Embrace; 10 Totem; 12 False hopes; 15 Interprets; 18 Looks; 19 Fall out; 21 Athlete; 22 Siren. Down: 1 Career girl; 2 Doubt; 3 Plea; 4 Assess; 5 Crochet; 6 Epitaph; 11 Music stand; 13 Arrested; 14 Atrophy; 16 Rafter; 17 Board; 20 Lost. QUICK - Across: 7 Moody; 8 Arbours; 9 Opulent; 10 Temp; 12 Stentorian; 15 Incendiary; 18 Naive; 19 Undergo; 21 Revolve; 22 Brief. Down: 1 Imposition; 2 Bogus; 3 Type; 4 Hasten; 5 Abattoir; 6 Turnout; 11 Tonic sofa; 13 Tenderly; 14 Achieve; 16 Inured; 17 Train; 20 Debt.

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Take in a top West End show and have some free time in London for shopping and sightseeing. For the Dine and Dance option see the matinee performance before heading back to the hotel for dinner and disco (conditions apply). For the Saturday Night option you will see the evening performance. For both breaks the price includes a theatre ticket, overnight stay in a four-star outer London hotel, with full English breakfast (plus dinner for Dine and Dance options). Pick ups offered are Dudley, Shrewsbury, Telford, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

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Property



The immaculate rear garden features a wide lawn and good patio area



A large P-shaped conservatory is a nice addition to the home

£219,995 for a spacious bungalow with potential



A large driveway at the property has ample parking space

A DECEPTIVELY spacious detached bungalow with larger than average room sizes is for sale with a price tag of £219,995.

The property in Mill Lane, Willenhall, has an entrance porch, entrance hallway, 22ft lounge, 21ft P-shaped conservatory, fitted kitchen, separate utility, four double bedrooms, family bathroom and guest cloakroom, as well as benefiting from garage, uPVC double glazing, gas central heating and block paved driveway.

The cloakroom has a WC, and there are four bedrooms, a bathroom with WC, pedestal wash hand basin and corner spa bath with shower over, with a utility with cup-

board, work top and space and plumbing for automatic washing machine.

The kitchen, 10ft 10in by 8ft, has a range of wall and base units, work tops, inset one-and-a-half bowl sink, built-in electric oven with electric hob over and breakfast bar.

Measuring 21ft 11in by 13ft 9in the lounge has a feature fireplace with marble hearth and patio doors to a conservatory which is 21ft 8in by 13ft 2in and with French doors to the rear.

Outside to the front is a block paved driveway with ample parking and leading to the garage with to the rear a garden mainly laid to lawn with paved patio area.

Call L & S Prestige Estates on 01902 606595 for details.

Conservatory and utility room are a big plus for semi



Sited on Furlongs Road, this semi-detached is on sale with Connells for £139,950

A REFURBISHED and immaculately presented semi-detached house in Furlongs Road, Sedgley, is on the market based on offers around £139,950.

The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing, with accommodation briefly comprising of entrance hallway, two reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, utility area, downstairs WC, three bedrooms and family bathroom.

On the ground floor the lounge is 10ft 8in by 13ft 2in and the dining room 10ft 8in by 10ft 10in and with French doors to a conservatory measuring 9ft 6in by 10ft 5in.

The kitchen, 8ft 4in by 11ft 5in, has a

range of wall and base units with roll-top work surfaces, stainless steel sink drainer, space for appliances and plumbing for automatic washing machine, with a utility room with space for appliances and work surfaces and a WC.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath with shower over, basin in vanity unit and WC.

Outside to the front is a driveway with off road parking, and to the rear patio area, lawn, plants and shrubbery.

Call estate agent Connells on 01884 214770 for more details.

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Lot 30	40 Millbrook Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	Residential Vacant
Lot 31	1 Holly Park Industrial Estate, Erdington, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
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Lot 33	3 - 5 Liverpool Road, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Vacant
Lot 34	96 Bull Lane, Brindley Ford, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Vacant
Lot 35	57 Heathfield Road, Smethwick, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 36	1 - 3 Roebuck Street, Handsworth, West Midlands	Commercial Investment
Lot 37	3 Beech Street, Highley, Bridgnorth	Residential Vacant
Lot 38	130 Pershore Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	Residential Vacant / Development Opportunity

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Lot 42	The Cleveland Arms, Shrewsbury Road, High Ercall, Shropshire	Commercial Vacant
Lot 43	64 Beckett Street, Bilston	Residential Vacant
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Lot 46	11 Hillcrest Avenue, Low Hill, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 47	17 Sheringham Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 48	162 Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 49	40 Roydon Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 50	Block E5 Waterfront East Level Street, Brierley Hill	Commercial Investment
Lot 51	The Phoenix Club, Pound Road, Druids Heath	Commercial Vacant / Development Opportunity
Lot 52	6 Beaconsfield Avenue, Parkfields, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 53	138 Marsh Lane, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 54	24 Hart Road, Wednesfield	Residential Investment
Lot 55	Land at Breodon Cross Wharf, Pershore Road, Kings Norton	Birmingham Commercial Investment
Lot 56	48 - 52 Roundwell Street, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Investment
Lot 57	54 - 56 Roundwell Street, Stoke on Trent	Commercial Investment
Lot 58	18 / 20 Battelfield Hill, Wombourne, Wolverhampton	Residential Part Vacant / Part Investment
Lot 59	113 Ladypool Road & 180 - 182 Ombersley Road, Sparkbrook Birmingham	Commercial Vacant / Development Opportunity
Lot 60	2 Park Gate Mews, Newhall Street, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 61	4 Park Gate Mews, Newhall Street, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 62	7 Park Gate Mews, Newhall Street, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 63	95 High Green, Cannock	Commercial Investment
Lot 64	28 Glebe Farm Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 65	59 Mill Street, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 66	The Kings Head, 15 Mill Street, Brierley Hill	Commercial Investment
Lot 67	52 Lynton Avenue, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 68	50 Limetrees Close, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough	Residential Investment
Lot 69	54 Limetrees Close, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough	Residential Investment
Lot 70	134 Middlemore Industrial Estate, Smethwick, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant
Lot 71	136 Middlemore Industrial Estate, Smethwick, West Midlands	Commercial Vacant
Lot 72	181 High Street, Brownhills	Commercial Vacant
Lot 73	168 Grange Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 74	423 Birmingham Road, Walsall	Residential Vacant

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Lot 76	27 Edward Street, South Bank, Middlesbrough	Residential Investment
Lot 77	2 Northcote Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 78	1 Knowle Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham	Development / Redevelopment Opportunity
Lot 79	157 Quinton Road West, Quinton, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 80	163 Bank Street, Brierley Hill	Commercial Vacant
Lot 81	19 Havace Lane, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 82	258 West Bromwich Road, Oldbury, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
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Lot 85	20 Woodland Grove, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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Lot 87	10 Scott Close, West Bromwich, West Midlands	Residential Investment
Lot 88	45 Wolverhampton Road, Dudley	Commercial Investment
Lot 89	373 Coventry Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 90	85 Linwood Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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Lot 100	146 Witton Lane, West Bromwich, West Midlands	Residential Vacant
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Lot 102	6 Croxden Avenue, Bloxwich	Residential Vacant
Lot 103	6 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 104	7 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 105	8 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 106	9 Spring Grove, Hockley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 107	61 Eliot Street, Nechells, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 108	106 Whitehall Lane, Northfield, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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A pair of former 2 storey semi-detached properties, constructed in the 1930s and subsequently converted for use as a care home. Accommodation comprises 20 single rooms. There is a large lawn to the front of the property leading onto a small car parking area. The property is in need of extensive internal and external refurbishment.

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A modern, first floor 2 bed apartment with double glazing, central heating, fitted kitchen, lounge, two good-sized bedrooms and bathroom with shower over bath. Allocated, secure parking. Unfurnished, available to view now. No Pets.

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A two bed mid terraced house with central heating and double glazing, lounge, fitted kitchen, house bathroom and a double and single bedroom upstairs. No DSS. Unfurnished, available now to view

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A modern, two bed apartment on top floor. Having an open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms (master with en-suite shower/WC) and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Garden to the rear and parking to the front. Available now for long term.

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A three bed mid terrace house, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Rear garden. Unfurnished, available now. No DSS, no pets. Parking available via permit from Sandwell council (£25 p/yr)

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A modern, ground floor one bed apartment with secure parking and entry. Open plan kitchen/diner/lounge, one double bedroom and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, available now for viewings.

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A brand new semi detached property, with double glazing and central heating. Comprising of WC, modern fitted kitchen, lounge/ diner with access to rear garden. Two bedrooms and house bathroom on first floor. Master bedroom with en-suite shower/WC on the top floor.

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Property



The property at Green Gables, in Robert Street, has a good-sized driveway. It is on the market with Wakeman

House has ample space for parking

Priced at £195,000, this detached house in Robert Street has a delightful open outlook while being conveniently situated for the centre of Gornal and Sedgley and Dudley.

On the ground floor of the property is a lounge dining room, 24ft 10in by 10ft 11in, with a fireplace with marble insert and hearth with electric fire

while the kitchen – 11ft 4in by 10ft 10in – has base and drawer units, stainless steel single drainer sink, work surfaces, electric oven, gas hob and plumbing for dishwasher.

There is also a utility room with stainless steel sink, work top, base cupboard and plumbing for automatic washing machine, and there is a separate WC.

On the first floor bedroom one has an en suite with shower cubicle, wash hand basin and WC and there are two

more bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath, separate shower cubicle, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

Outside the house is approached over a brick block paved driveway and parking area leading to an integral garage, with a shrub bed, and to the rear a brick block paved patio, decking, fish pond, lawn, borders and shrubs.

Call Wakeman on 01902 885894.



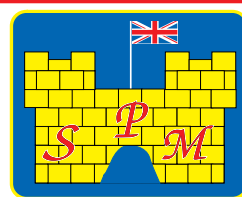
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2 bed detached bungalow overlooking Cotwall End Valley greenbelt beauty spot with single extended garage incorporating workbench. Additional carport with off road parking, mature gardens to front and rear with patio area.

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- Utility + Guest cloakroom
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Upvc double glazing to rear aspect
- Gas central heating
- Delightful landscaped rear gardens
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £210,000

LOWER GORNAL

Ruskin Avenue

- A Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Positioned on a substantial plot
- Extended to the side
- Lounge & Dining Room/Vestibule
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathrooms & Separate w.c.
- Garage & Rear Garden
- Off Road parking to the front
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £215,000

COSELEY

Barnesmeadow Place

- A modern detached family home
- Open plan style lounge
- Kitchen and dining room
- Utility room and guest w.c.
- FOUR bedrooms
- En-suite & Modern family bathroom
- Garage & Rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £208,000

SEDGEMOOR PARK, BLISTON

Stonehead Close

- Spacious 4 bed detached
- Extended and enhanced throughout
- Lounge, dining room, study
- Breakfast kitchen
- Four good sized bedrooms
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Block paved driveway
- Garage
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £189,990

WILLENHALL

Shepwell Green

- A detached Detached Bungalow
- A large open plan style lounge
- Modern breakfast kitchen
- Two master bedrooms and bathroom
- A further bedroom/dining room
- DRIVEWAY TO BE TARMACKED
- Gardens to be completed
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating - B/C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £180,000

COSELEY

Clifton Street

- A traditional DETACHED home
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Modern Kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms
- An excellent size bathroom
- Rear gardens & garage
- Off road parking for 2/3 cars
- An ideal family home
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,990

COSELEY

Beechfield Grove

- A beautifully presented semi-detached
- Positioned on a corner plot
- Open design lounge/dining room
- Modern kitchen, utility, guest w.c.
- Study, reception 3 (garage converted)
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Extensive parking
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £160,000

COSELEY

Ward Street

- A Modern Style Detached family home
- Lounge + Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Well Room (Lack & Jigs)
- Double glazing & central heating
- Garage & Driveway
- Well maintained rear garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,990

ETTINGSHALL PARK

Grosvenor Road

- Attractively presented traditional semi
- Lounge with dining area
- Modern kitchen with integrated appliances
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted bathroom with corner bath
- Garage & Utility room behind
- Well kept gardens
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £158,990

LOWER GORNAL

Hamour Drive

- A deceptively spacious extended semi
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- 4-5 bedrooms
- Open plan lounge and dining room
- Kitchen, utility + Conservatory
- Tandem garage
- Block paved driveway
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £165,990

SEDGLEY

Dudley Road

- Beautifully presented throughout
- Traditional three bed semi
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Modern kitchen
- Office space/3rd reception
- Excellent sized rear garden
- Block paved driveway - for 3/4 cars
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,990

UPPER GORNAL

Ripley Grove

- Modern three bed and townhouse
- Positioned on an exclusive small development
- Built 3 years ago - NHBC warranty
- Lounge, open plan dining kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Driveway parking
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £150,000

COSELEY

Paul Street

- A traditional style semi detached
- Extended and enhanced
- Conservatory & extended kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Its bedroom/office (garage conversion)
- Landscaped rear garden with decking
- Upvc double glazing
- An IDEAL FAMILY HOME
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £147,500

COSELEY

Clifton Street

- A good size detached Bungalow
- Positioned on a large plot
- Some updating required
- Open plan dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms & bathrooms
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Double garage and driveway
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £147,500

COSELEY

Legge Lane

- A spacious double fronted detached bungalow
- Refurbished to a high standard
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Modern kitchen, conservatory
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking + Garage at rear
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137,990

COSELEY

Church Road

- A Traditional terrace property
- Having been upgraded and enhanced
- High standard 3 modern accommodation
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Three good size bedrooms
- En-suite & 3rd shower room
- Family bathroom
- Overall nice rear garden
- Driveway with parking for 2 cars
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137,990

COSELEY

George Road

- A 'Chalet' style semi-detached property
- Upgraded & enhanced accommodation
- Modern dining kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Garage with utility facilities
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £134,990

DUDLEY

Parkes Hall Road

- A traditional 1930's style semi-detached
- Providing high standard accommodation
- Breakfast kitchen with utility area
- Upvc double glazing & central heating
- An excellent size landscaped garden
- DETACHED GARAGE to the rear (via private access road)
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £131,990

DUDLEY

Parkes Hall Road

- A beautifully presented semi-detached
- Having been enhanced to high standard
- Open plan, contemporary dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Upvc double glazing & central heating
- Off road parking for several vehicles
- Well maintained rear garden
- AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £131,500

SEDGLEY

Tipton Street

- A traditional terrace property
- In walking distance into Sedgley Centre
- Deceptively spacious
- Dining room, Lounge
- Kitchen & Utility room
- THREE bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Good size rear garden
- Viewing is recommended
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,990

HURST HILL, COSELEY

Clifton Street

- An impressive and terraced property
- Enhanced throughout
- Spacious Dining room
- Lounge with feature wood burner
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Delightful rear garden
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £118,990

LOWER GORNAL

Bull Street

- A traditional three bed semi with lots of potential in need of updating
- Two reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Generous sized rear garden
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £104,990

UPPER GORNAL

Rock Street

- Beautifully appointed mid-terrace cottage
- Two double bedrooms
- Excellent sized lounge
- Modern dining kitchen
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Utility room and store
- Low maintenance rear courtyard
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £102,000

BRADLEY

Dereham Walk

- A Modern end of Tiers House
- Extended and enhanced
- Three good size bedrooms
- Lounge and open plan dining kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Private rear garden
- Upvc double glazing
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £98,990

DUDLEY

Limes Road

- A modern semi detached property
- Conveniently situated for Dudley Town Centre
- Kitchen & good size lounge
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Off road parking for 4 cars
- Low maintenance rear garden
- ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £98,000

COSELEY

Horace Street

- A Modern style end of Town House
- Contemporary Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bedroom with 'white' suite
- Off road parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- An ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £97,900

LOWER GORNAL

Shadwell Drive

- A well presented terrace property
- Spacious accommodation
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Utility Room & Guest w.c.
- FOUR bedrooms
- Modern Bathrooms
- Some general updating required
- Low maintenance rear garden
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £97,900



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GROVELAND ROAD

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£39,750

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

BRIERLEY HILL



GROSVENOR WAY

• Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge/Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • Family Bathroom • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazed Where Stated • Block Paved Driveway • Front and Rear Garden • EPC Ratings Awaited

£120,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

OAKHAM



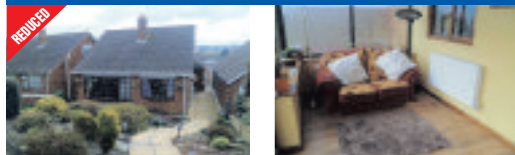
OAKHAM AVENUE

• EPC AWAITED • An Improved & Extended Semi Detached • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • Extended Kitchen • Dining Room • Conservatory • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Garage • Rear Garden • Viewing Recommended

Offers Over £175,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

LOWER GORNAL



GROSVENOR ROAD

• EPC C • A Three Bedroom Dormer Bungalow • Two Ground Floor Bedrooms, Dormer Bedroom One • Through Lounge/Dining Room • Kitchen • Conservatory • Garage To Rear • Rear Garden

£155,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIPTON



HAINES CLOSE

• EPC D • Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property • Lounge • Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • Conservatory • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Ground Floor Cloakroom • Detached Garage

£140,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



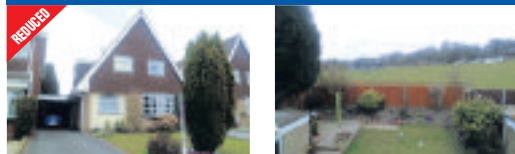
ASTON ROAD

• EPC RATING AWAITED • Originally Two Now Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Through Lounge/Dining Room • First Floor Bathroom • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Rear Garden • No Chain

£100,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

SEDGLEY



LARKWOOD ROAD

• EPC D • Three Bedroom Detached • Lounge • Dining Room • Kitchen • Games Room/Study • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Garage • Rear Garden • Driveway

£225,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



HODGES DRIVE

EPC Grading C • Four Bedroom Modern Detached • Lounge • Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • Master Bedroom Havign En-Suite • Bathroom • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Garage • Drive

£196,995

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



CITY ROAD

• An Improved Three Bedroom End Terrace • Lounge • Dining Room • Conservatory • Kitchen • Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System • Driveway

Offers Over £120,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



MARIGOLD CRESCENT

• EPC RATINGS AWAITED • An Improved Semi Detached • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • Kitchen • Ground Floor Cloakroom • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Driveway • Parking • No Chain

£85,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



NORMAN STREET

• An Extended Four Bedroom Link Detached • Lounge • Dining Room • Extended Kitchen • Ground Floor Wet Room • Bathroom • Upstairs • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Drive

£115,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

ROWLEY REGIS



WOOLPACK CLOSE

• EPC GRADING C • Two Bedroom Mid Townhouse • Vestibule • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom • Upstairs • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Drive • No Chain

£79,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

BRIERLEY HILL



BANKWELL STREET

• Three Bedroom Ex Council Semi Detached • Lounge • Kitchen • Bathroom • Gas Central Heating System • Double glazed Where Stated • Front and Rear Garden • No Upward Chain • EPC Rating Grade D

£72,490

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

DUDLEY



WHITEHALL DRIVE

• Three Bedroom Semi Detached Residence • Two Reception Rooms • Fitted Kitchen • First Floor Bathroom • Having White Suite • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Elevated Views To Side • Integral Garage • Driveway

£125,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

BRIERLEY HILL



BOWER LANE

• EPC Rating E • Three Bedroom Extended Detached • En-Suite To Bedroom One • Two Reception Rooms • Conservatory • Kitchen Having Integrated Oven & Hob • Utility Room • Bathroom • Extensive Rear Garden • Driveway

£185,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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£525 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



HILTON ROAD

A Traditional Semi Detached Property With Driveway To Front & Rear Garden. Accommodation Briefly Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom Downstairs With Two Double Bedrooms Upstairs

£495 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



ROBIN HOOD ROAD

• Close to Merry Hill Shopping Centre • Three Large Bedrooms • Semi Detached • Driveway • Rear Gardens • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen/Diner • Newly Decorated and Painted • EPC Rating E

£550 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



COSELEY

• EPC D • An Improved Three Bedroom Property • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Diner • Refitted Bathroom • Driveway • Parking • Double Glazing Where Stated • Gas Central Heating System • Garden

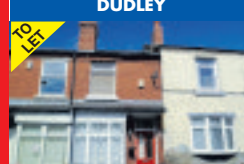
£550 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



GREEN PARK ROAD

• Two Bedroom Semi Detached • Double Glazed & Gas Central Heated • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom with Shower • Rear Garden • Off Road Parking • EPC Rating E

£475 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



SMITH STREET

Two Bedroom Property, Recently Refurbished, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom Upstairs, Rear Garden. Close To Town Centre

£450 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



QUILTER CLOSE

EPC C. Modern 4 bedroom detached having lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor cloakroom to the ground floor, master bedroom having en-suite, three further bedrooms and bathroom. Externally having drive, rear garden & garage

£700 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



BONNEVILLE CLOSE

Modern Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment. Having A Spacious Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen With Built In Oven & Hob. Two Double Bedrooms & A Bathroom. Outside, Allocated Parking & Communal Gardens.

£495 PCM DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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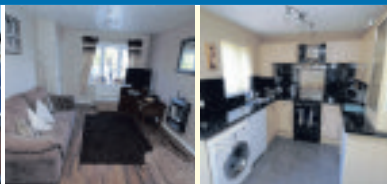
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3 Bed

St Marks Road, DUDLEY



NEW



This property presents an ideal opportunity to purchase a three bedroom mid terraced home situated towards the top of this quiet cul-de-sac with off road parking to the front, rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing and accommodation to comprise of entrance hallway, lounge, modern kitchen diner, three bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property.

EPC:TBC

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£112,500

3 Bed

Chichester Avenue, NETHERTON



NEW



A well presented home with an impressive conservatory, comprising: entrance hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory with doors opening out to the rear garden, three well proportioned bedrooms and the recently refitted family bathroom. Having off road parking to the front for a number of vehicles and additional gated driveway to rear, viewing is essential to fully appreciate the deceptively spacious accommodation on offer.

EPC:C

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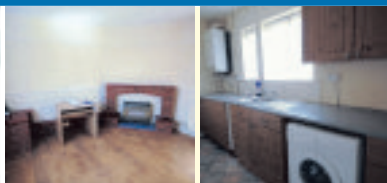
Offers Around
£119,950

2 Bed

Exeter Road, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



A two bedroom semi detached home available with No Upward Chain offering a rental yield of over 6% making it a good buy to let investment or first time buyer's first step on the ladder. Accommodation comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs toilet and on the first floor are two bedrooms and the house bathroom. Viewing highly recommended.

EPC:E

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£85,000

3 Bed

Compton Drive, OAKHAM



WITH REASONABLE OFFERS CONSIDERED FOR A QUICK SALE, this detached family home offers an excellent opportunity being situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location in the popular and sought after Oakham district. It comprises: Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs w.c., family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway for a number of vehicles and a caravan, and a double garage. An early viewing of this property is highly recommended to avoid missing out!

EPC:E

Netherton Office

Or Near Offer
£182,000

4 Bed

Edinburgh Road, NETHERTON



This extended property has an array of accommodation that is all beautifully presented to include: entrance hall, lounge, games room, sitting room, store room, kitchen diner, four double bedrooms, the master having an en-suite shower room, and the house bathroom. The property also has an attractive rear garden and a block paved driveway which provides parking for a number of vehicles. An internal inspection is essential in order to appreciate this property fully.

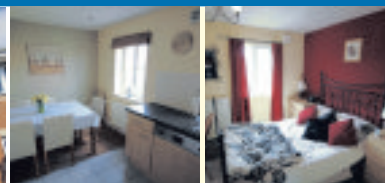
EPC:C

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Offers Around
£164,950

3 Bed

Racemeadow Crescent, DUDLEY WOOD



An incredibly spacious family home in a quiet spot within this modern development, a viewing is definitely essential to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer here, which comprises of entrance hall, utility room which provides access to the rear garden, bedroom three, shower room, integral garage, stairs then rise to the first floor where you find the spacious lounge and kitchen diner and on the second floor are two double bedrooms both with en-suite!

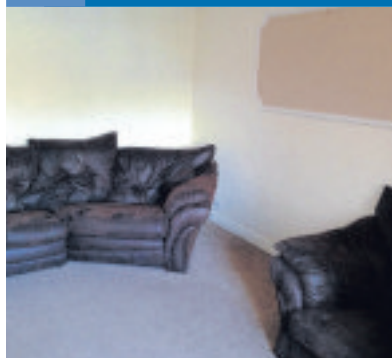
EPC:C

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£154,950

2 Bed

Southalls Lane, DUDLEY



An incredibly spacious and very well presented two bedroom apartment in the heart of Dudley, comprising: private ground floor entrance, lounge, two bedrooms, large fitted kitchen and bathroom. Complete with all white goods, bedroom furniture and sofa in the lounge, the property also has central heating and off road parking. No DSS, no pets, no children, no smokers. Available immediately. DEPOSIT: £620. ADMINISTRATION FEE PAYABLE- ASK FOR DETAILS

EPC:C

Netherton Office

£495 pcm

1 Bed

Halesowen Road, NETHERTON



Conveniently situated one bedroom flat comprising: Double glazed Entrance door, kitchen, lounge, spacious bathroom, stairs off kitchen leading to bedroom. Outside there is a paved patio and communal parking area. Available immediately. NO PETS! NO SMOKERS! NO DSS. DEPOSIT: £440 ADMINISTRATION FEE PAYABLE- ASK FOR DETAILS

EPC:E

Netherton Office

£350 pcm

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3 Bed

Thistlegreen Road, NETHERTON



NEW



We are pleased to offer for sale this family home situated on this excellent corner plot providing ample off road parking and gardens. Having accommodation comprising of: entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three excellent sized bedrooms and a bathroom to the first floor, the property also benefits from gas central heating (where stated), double glazing (where stated) and a garage. Viewing is essential to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer.

EPC:TBC

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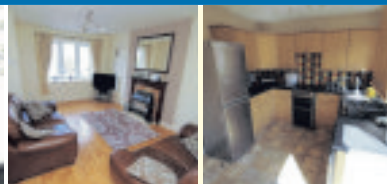
Offers Around
£139,950

3 Bed

St Marks Road, DUDLEY



NEW PRICE



This immaculately presented end terraced home is situated at the end of this quiet cul-de-sac, and benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, ample off road parking, landscaped rear garden and has accommodation to comprise of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms and a re-fitted family bathroom to the first floor. An early viewing is strongly recommended to avoid missing out!

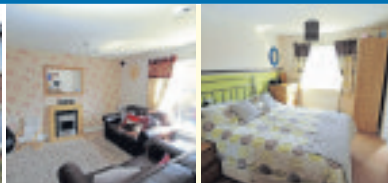
EPC:C

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Offers Around
£119,950

3 Bed

Henzel Croft, BRIERLEY HILL



A lovely three bedroom end town house with driveway, garage and secure rear garden. This conveniently located house is situated on this popular development and has a master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, a large lounge and lovely kitchen/breakfast room, externally there is a rear garden and a driveway and garage. Wow - ticks all those boxes I'd say! View today. Call STOURBRIDGE to sneak a peek, 01384 444645.

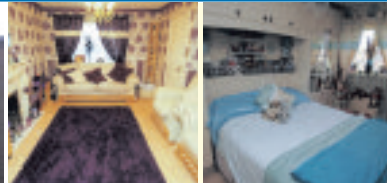
EPC:B

Stourbridge Office

Offers Around
£149,950

3 Bed

Wellfield Gardens, Netherton



FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR A FIRST TIME BUYER! A well presented three bedroom semi detached property in a cul-de-sac location comprising, lounge, modern dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, double glazing, central heating and OFF ROAD PARKING. Situated close to local schools and amenities, early viewing is a must!

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Over
£99,950

3 Bed

Round Street, NETHERTON



A well presented three bedroom semi detached home offering a fantastic opportunity for first time buyers or buy to let investors. Accommodation briefly comprises of: entrance hall, lounge, refitted kitchen with dining area, three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom, low maintenance rear garden, front garden which provides off road parking and access to the garage. Viewing highly recommended to fully appreciate.

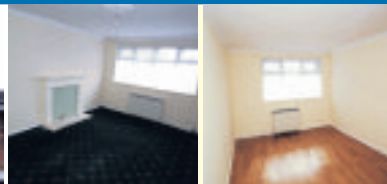
EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£104,950

1 Bed

Hill Street, NETHERTON



This self contained first floor one bedroomed flat benefits from accommodation to comprise of: entrance hallway, lounge, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. It benefits from being double glazed and having night storage heaters. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and being conveniently situated to most amenities and nearby conservation area, an early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£62,500

2 Bed

Ryan Place, NETHERTON



A two bedroom period end terraced house which is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location but is within easy reach of local shops and amenities. The property briefly comprises: two reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, partial double glazing and central heating system. Available beginning of June. DSS CONSIDERED, no pets. DEPOSIT: £575. ADMINISTRATION FEE PAYABLE- ASK FOR DETAILS

EPC:D

Netherton Office

£460 pcm



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Offers in the region of £365,000

Kingswinford**Broadfield Close**

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£335,000

COSELEY**Ivyhouse Lane**

A quite exceptional, particularly stylish, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been transformed by present vendor over the years set in established/convenient district. Accommodation provides enlarged reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining room (double french doors out to the garden with decking immediately adjacent), extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'ikea' units with various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage (used as a 'garden room'), extensive secured parking, delightful expertly tended secluded rear garden. A personal inspection vital for total appreciation. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £133,950

Kingswinford**Surrey Drive**

A THOUGHTFULLY AND EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED MODERN END FAMILY TOWNHOUSE which is pleasantly and conveniently located upon the sought after Farlands development, offering SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: Entrance Hall, spacious attractive Lounge through to beautifully re-appointed Dining Kitchen with built in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS, classic white Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Gently elevated back beyond the lawned foregarden with attractive tree, together with TARMAC DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying a TIERED AND ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN with patio, decking and lawn. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£162,500

BROCKMOOR**Campbell Street**

This immaculately presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may represent an ideal first time buy. The property briefly comprises: entrance hall, transverse lounge, kitchen, guest w.c. two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, parking space to front, and an enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£110,000

QUARRY BANK**Birch Avenue**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two/three bedroom semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may be of interest to first time buyers or young families. The well presented property briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish lounge, modern kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c. two double bedrooms, study/occasional bedroom three, bathroom, driveway, and a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£94,950

WORDSLEY**Wordsley Green**

AN INCREDIBLY DECEPTIVE AND EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED, FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM FLAT which is conveniently located for local shops and amenities within this popular address, just off Lawnswood Road, offering MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO, including uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, ECONOMY 7 STORAGE HEATING and comprising: Entrance Hall, spacious & attractive large Lounge with Dining Area, attractively refitted kitchen, inner hall with built-in storage, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. MUST BE VIEWED for the incredibly generous and much improved layout to be appreciated. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£69,950

LOWER GORNAL**WALL HEATH****Coopers Bank Road**

PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED. An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence of quality constructed circa 2006 (and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee) in development of elegant first quality homes. Outstanding accommodation includes: hall, cloakroom, study, magnificent 27ft living/dining room (with 'walk in bay' & double french doors out to garden), superb 'hub of house' 18ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units, fitted appliances & granite work surfaces & a further laundry section, breakfast room, Gallery landing, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed units & a shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, expertly landscaped secluded gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £324,950

Clover Lane

This IMPOSING 4 BEDROOM DETACHED and SPACIOUS FAMILY HOUSE is the distinguished Cheltenham by David Payne, enjoying a superb setting within sought after Heathbrook Farm close to country fringe and favoured schools, and offers: Inset Porch, Fine Hall with refitted Cloaks/Toilet off, SUPERB 16 x 15 9 LOUNGE, Dining room off (will re-separate), BEAUTIFULLY REFITTED DESIGNER 13 9 x 12 KITCHEN, FOUR SPLENDID BEDROOMS, REFITTED EN SUITE to large master, House Bathroom, Gas Central Heating and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Forelawn plus Double Drive parking to GARAGE plus 24 LONG UTILITY/PLAYROOM and LAID OUT PATIO/LAWN with OPEN REAR ASPECT AND AFTERNOON SUN. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£299,950

SEDGLEY**Dingle View**

ENVIABLY SITUATED on periphery of countryside with MAGNIFICENT VIEWS at head of cul-de-sac. Exceptionally well maintained, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed accommodation provides: glazed entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, lounge, 20 ft dining kitchen with further cupboards, bathroom, two generous bedrooms (one with wardrobes). To the first floor: landing, spacious principal bedroom with wardrobe recess, separate toilet, 'walk through' linen store, and 17 ft boarded/plastered loft space (with window) offering tremendous potential. Large 24'8" x 11'11" garage, gardens to front, side & rear. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £243,500

DUDLEY**Abbotsford Drive**

A quite exceptional, highly individual & spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home at head of cul de sac within walking distance of Russell's Hall Hospital. Meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, magnificent transverse lounge, sitting room (alternate bedroom 3), shower room, refitted 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, garden room, utility room. To the first floor are two double bedrooms (both with extensive wardrobes) & bathroom with a 'Heritage' suite. MAGNIFICENT DISTANT VIEWS, lengthy 39'9" garage, secluded garden & further garden area with potential, extensive parking to front. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

SWINDON**The Holloway**

A DELIGHTFUL and SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME within a sought after village location with a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN, ideal for children. The accommodation is IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, WELL PRESENTED, includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and offers: reception hall, ground floor w.c., a large attractive lounge, large extended 18' + second sitting room with dining area, study/garden room, extended 18' + kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS (bedrooms one and two with wardrobes) and luxury refitted shower room. Front garden, BROAD DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and the EXTENSIVE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT SUNNY REAR GARDENS with pleasant views and seclusion. EPC Rating E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£234,950

LOWER GORNAL**Ash Grove**

An absolutely outstanding & particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated at head of quiet 'backwater' yet within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Significantly upgraded by present vendors in recent years, the superb, extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 30ft. reception hall, 18ft lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room), reappointed/refitted shower room (former bathroom). Former 'garage' converted to a utility/workroom. Block paved foregarden, delightful secluded/landscaped rear garden with fine range of shrubs/plants, patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £228,950

SEDGLEY

A quite exceptional, absolutely outstanding, ENLARGED, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendor to an exemplary specification in recent years. First quality accommodation includes imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, magnificent 23'4" through living/dining room, extended refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, separate utility room, three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with contemporary style white suite/shower, large garage, block paved drive/parking area, expertly tended garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £221,950

Caswell Road**DUDLEY****Breamore Crescent, 'Earls Keep'**

This most attractive, Bryant built, double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family home is 'tucked away' on a well regarded development and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The well proportioned accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., three good bedrooms (master with en-suite), family bathroom with white suite, Garage, driveway and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £190,000

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SEDGLEY**Westcroft Road, Northway**

An attractive, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached house situated in a road where properties are only rarely made available for sale. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance hallway, superb L-shape through living/dining room with oak strip floor & contemporary styled oak overmantel with a living flame gas fire, patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen (prepared for a re-fit). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy 26ft garage incorporating a laundry area, delightful well stocked rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,999**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE****Fairview Road**

A quite exceptional, tremendously ENLARGED & EXTENDED, Edwardian semi detached of character occupying a fine corner plot with EXTENSIVE PARKING. The uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) accommodation includes; reception hall, 20' sitting room with bay, separate dining room, stunning 22' breakfast kitchen with a magnificent range of units & many integrated appliances, fitted cloakroom, 31' double glazed conservatory. FOUR BEDROOMS, tiled shower room (former bathroom). Many period features. Large garage, block paved parking, delightful sheltered garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950**DUDLEY****Austin Close, Milking Bank**

A significantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear garden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay & living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen, pantry, laundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with built-in wardrobes), bathroom, walk-in store (two lofts), 17'6" garage, landscaped garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,995**LOWER GORNAL****Ruiton Street**

An OUTSTANDING, meticulously maintained, and significantly improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow presented in exemplary order throughout and comprising; entrance hallway, boiler/cloakroom, 20'5" living/dining room, inner hallway, store, reapointed shower room (former bathroom) with stylish white suite, two bedrooms, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. Brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Extensive gated parking, neat landscaped garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950**DUDLEY****Elmstone Close**

Enviably situated just of Richborough Drive with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS, this most attractive, stylish, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached family home occupies a corner plot & is in exemplary order throughout. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., kitchen with a fine range of units, transverse lounge/dining room, three good bedrooms (principal bedroom with en suite), shower room, burglar alarm, garage, block paved driveway & a landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £176,950**LOWER GORNAL****Humphrey Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A primarily uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in popular, particularly convenient, location. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen (with range of 'light beech' units), utility, separate toilet, Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite/shower. Garage, secluded rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950**SEDGLEY****Dormston Drive**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring in quiet cul de sac, an outstanding, exceptionally stylish & well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors over the years. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, cupboard, superb lounge with living flame gas fire, transverse upgraded 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen & a substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reapointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden drive & secluded/sheltered rear garden, brick former garage. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**BRIERLEY HILL****NO UPWARD CHAIN****North View Drive**

This modern style, considerably enlarged, gas centrally heated, four bedroomed detached family home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, new kitchen, sitting/family room, guest wc, four bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£167,500**SEDGLEY****South View Road, Northway**

An attractive, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS in favoured/convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, 24'6" through living/dining room, extended L-shape 'cottage style' breakfast kitchen, rear lobby. Three bedrooms, bathroom, large garage with 'mezzanine' style decking providing extensive storage. Block paved drive, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950**WOLVERHAMPTON****Sherrans Dell, Ettingshall Park**

An attractive, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & part double glazed detached in short favoured cul de sac where houses are only rarely made available for sale. Delightful accommodation includes recessed porch, entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room (with patio doors), understorey store, refitted kitchen with a range of 'shaker' style units & a quarry tiled floor. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with wardrobes), reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite. Block paved driveway, carport, garage, secluded garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £163,950**COSELEY****Beechfield Grove, Bramford Estate**

A magnificent, comprehensively renovated, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to an outstanding specification. Stylish accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, store, lounge with bay (& log burner), dining room with bay, refitted kitchen with 'high gloss white' units & various integrated appliances, large utility/laundry room, separate toilet & further reception room (alternative use as bedroom or office, etc.), three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, extensive parking, garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £160,000**QUARRY BANK****IMPRESSIVE BATHROOM****Westfield Road**

This substantially enlarged, conscientiously maintained, double glazed (with vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated, FOUR BEDROOM semi detached family home is situated in an established residential location and is well worthy of internal inspection. The versatile accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, stylish through Lounge / Dining Room, extended L Shape Kitchen with a fine range of units, Guest WC, Utility, Playroom / Family Room, Four Bedrooms, fabulous Bathroom with white suite and separate shower cubicle, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£156,950**LOWER GORNAL****Tennynson Road, Straits**

A conscientiously maintained, modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached in favoured district convenient for so many amenities/country park etc. Accommodation includes; reception hall (with original oak strip floor), lounge with living flame gas fire, dining room, refitted kitchen with 'maple' effect units. Three bedrooms, tiled bathroom, separate w.c. Lengthy DOUBLE 23' GARAGE. Delightful well tended/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000**UPPER GORNAL****Windmill Street**

A PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, significantly enhanced & successfully EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, recently refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances (double french doors to garden), pantry, FOUR BEDROOMS (three with 'first quality' range of fitted units), reapointed bathroom with white suite, LARGE GARAGE with utility room beyond & a shower room, neat gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**DUDLEY****Himley Avenue**

SPACIOUS, significantly upgraded, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated DETACHED set at head of cul de sac. Stylish upgraded accommodation includes entrance hallway, 24ft living/dining room, 15'10" breakfast kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reapointed bathroom with contemporary white fitted suite, garage, gardens. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**DUDLEY**

A most attractive, significantly modernised, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character in favoured "tree lined" road within walking distance of town centre, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall (lofty ceiling heights), 27'4" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay, and double French doors to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of "beech" effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**St. James Road****LOWER GORNAL****The Straits**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Excellently situated abutting onto and overlooking fields at the rear, and being convenient for so many amenities. The accommodation includes; reception hall, superb through living/dining room with patio doors, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' effect units, pantry. Three generous bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), stylish reapointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite/chrome detailing. Gated driveway to brick garage, landscaped 'low maintenance' garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950**COSELEY****Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate**

A significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with 'granny/disabled' suite extension in popular/convenient district. Accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room, enlarged/refitted kitchen with many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Granny suite comprising through living/bedroom & wet/shower room en suite, slabbed drive, secluded 'low maintenance' rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £144,950**WOODSETTON****Brook Street**

An attractive, modernised & conscientiously maintained, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (formerly bathroom), lengthy (24'10") garage, garden with good distant views. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950

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LOWER GORNAL

Summit Place

This traditional, majority double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established location convenient for local amenities. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £130,000

SEDGLEY

Padarn Close

An immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated and townhouse situated in an established location & well worthy of internal inspection. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, transverse lounge, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom & a pleasant low maintenance garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

LOWER GORNAL

Elan Close

A stylish, exceptionally well presented, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED with potential GARAGE SPACE (7'8" DRIVEWAY WIDTH) set in short cul de sac convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes 18ft reception hall, reappointed cloakroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, various storage cupboards, refitted kitchen with 'light oak' effect units, three bedrooms, bathroom, delightful garden with side driveway. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers around £119,500

COSELEY

Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Enviably situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,750

DUDLEY

Blackthorne Road

This conscientiously maintained, considerably improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, guests w.c., three bedrooms, refitted shower room, hardstanding to front & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,500

UPPER GORNAL

Rubens Close

An attractive, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED end 'starter home' occupying a fine corner plot with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the front in well regarded district. Offering potential, the accommodation provides lounge, breakfast kitchen, principal bedroom with wardrobes, second bedroom, bathroom, boarded roof space, block paved foregarden & side DRIVEWAY (8'3" width), 'low maintenance' rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,500

LOWER GORNAL

Bayswater Road

Conscientiously maintained, modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' at head of cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes: reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Possible garage space (8'6" width, and subject to regulations), rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

BRIERLEY HILL

Tyzack Close

PRICED FOR A QUICK SALE - Delightfully situated at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac, this much improved, modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, Two Bedroom Semi Detached home is immaculately presented throughout, and is sure to APPEAL TO FIRST TIME BUYERS. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Re-fitted Kitchen with a fine range of units and integrated appliances, transverse Lounge, Two Bedrooms (both with built-in Wardrobes), Re-fitted Bathroom with white suite, Driveway and a pleasant Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£109,950

LOWER GORNAL

The Spinney

An EXTENDED, gas radiator centrally heated & part double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in need of some sympathetic updating set in relatively quiet cul de sac within reasonable distance of open fields, together with all amenities. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, inner hallway, kitchen, extended 25'7" living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, small garden & a brick GARAGE to the rear. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,000

COSELEY

Birmingham New Road

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units) & gas centrally heated mid terrace is sure to appeal to both first time buyers & young families alike. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

SEDGLEY

Dudley Road

Absolutely outstanding, THREE BEDROOM, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated intermediate terrace that has been TRANSFORMED by present vendors over the years to provide a superb home. The stylish accommodation includes: lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, guest w.c., two first floor bedrooms, splendid refitted bathroom with white suite, attic bedroom three, and an expertly tended rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

WOODCROSS

Beacon Street

Situated on periphery of Sedgley (just off Bath Street), a tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' that has been much enhanced by present vendors. Accommodation provides: lounge, transverse refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'cherrywood' effect units with various integrated appliances. Two bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Secluded rear garden, off road parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

COSELEY

Skidmore Road

An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached in an established district convenient for station & other amenities. Accommodation includes hallway, lounge with bay, transverse dining/sitting room, store, upgraded kitchen with 'cream finish' units & further utility room beyond. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden, rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £96,450

BRIERLEY HILL

Moor Street

Appealing to first time buyers is this stunningly presented and much improved modern styled two bedroomed back to back style property which simply must be viewed to be appreciated. Comprising: lounge, modern kitchen, covered storage area, two bedrooms, modern bathroom, uPVC windows, allocated parking to rear, graveled hard standing to front, fashionably decorated. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£90,950

COSELEY

Ettingshall Road

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home which is 'tucked away' just off Ettingshall Road, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £90,000

PENSNETT

Tiled House Lane

This traditional style, part uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement / updating, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs WC, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£89,950

UPPER GORNAL

Stonepine Place

A comparatively SPACIOUS, double glazed, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, Top floor apartment with tremendous distant views conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. 'Entry phone' style access system with accommodation including: reception hall, store, two double bedrooms, lounge with bay, 15 ft breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

PENSNETT

Queen Street

Occupying a generous plot, this traditional style, part uPVC Double Glazed, Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Home would now ideally benefit from sympathetic updating / improvement, yet offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Driveway, and Rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£74,950

COSELEY

Strathern Drive, Hurst Hill

An EXCEPTIONAL, particularly stylish, uPVC double glazed first floor flat that has been transformed by present vendor over past two years set at head of cul de sac with tremendous distant views. Offered with no upward chain, the accommodation provides individual half-staircase approach to the landing, lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, integrated oven, hob & extractor; double bedroom with built in double wardrobe & a further overstar cupboard, reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite (with chrome detailing) & a shower. Shared grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating: F. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £69,950

UPPER GORNAL

Duke Street

A tremendously modernised & improved, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & uPVC single glazed first floor flat with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS in popular neighbourhood. Recently re-decorated & upgraded accommodation includes reception hall, living/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various appliances, double bedroom, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, store & an airing cupboard, communal grounds. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Bentley puts you in the lap of luxury

CHINA probably isn't the first place that would spring to mind when choosing a suitable location for the launch of a new, and very important, car.

Out in the sticks, asphalt roads turn to gravel for no apparent reason, while in cities such as Beijing, congestion is something that happens all the time. And the driving style can best be described as freeform chaos.

But this is the new Bentley Flying Spur, a car which will be appearing on wish lists all over the world but particularly in the Far East. China's new breed of successful people find Bentley's restrained status and luxury are the perfect fit, hence the first examples have hit the streets of Beijing.

Rather than a radical change, the new Flying Spur wisely follows the template set by the original. It's an imposing four-door machine but with more curvature around the hips and greater separation from the Continental GT coupe.

Smoother

The nose has full-width grilles and at the rear there's a squared-off tail and a smoother flow of the boot lid.

The more radical customer might prefer lighter shades but the sensible soul will choose a more sober metallic for the proper Bentley look.

Starting at the back seats rather than the front, there is the kind of room you would expect from a car in which you might well be driven. It's as cosseting and elegant as you could wish for, while the huge range of wood combinations means you can make it as tasteful or otherwise as you wish.

As well as claiming a reduction in noise by 40 per cent over the old car, heated, ventilated and electrically adjustable seats for all offer an even better back-seat experience.

Bentley has introduced a touchscreen remote that sits by your knees and which glides elegantly forward at the touch of a button so it can be handheld. About the size of a modest



The Bentley Flying Spur is powered by a twin-turbocharged 6.0-litre engine producing 616bhp

mobile phone, you can control the satnav, audio system, rear climate control, sun blinds and even view the speedometer and trip computer. It's a small thing in many ways but it sums up the attention that has been paid to the details – and it really shows.

The fundamentals, of course, are already well in place. The body structure uses aluminium for the bonnet and front wings, a composite rear bootlid and high-strength

steels for a better combination of safety and reduced weight. Overall, the body is four per cent stiffer than before while the whole car is 50kg lighter – Bentley says this would be more but for an increased specification. Motive power comes from the superb twin-turbocharged 6.0-litre W12 already seen in the Continental GT, and here it produces a more than adequate 616bhp. Driving all four wheels through the impressive eight-speed automatic transmis-

sion, the Flying Spur is spectacularly fast despite its significant size and weight. The 0-62mph time is despatched in 4.6 seconds; 0-100mph in less than 10, and the top speed of 200mph surely is enough for anyone. The Flying Spur doesn't always feel this fast though; driven in full-on chauffeur mode, it will sail along as well as any super-luxury car.

A new specification tyre and softer suspension over the old car improve what was already a good ride but separates it further from the more sporty Continental GT.

Those wanting the bigger wheel options will pay a very marginal price in terms of slightly less bump absorption, but unless you make a habit of swerving between pot holes, the Flying Spur delivers superb comfort.

Powerhouse

Of course, that powerhouse under the bonnet offers such prodigious torque that you barely need more than a tiny prod of the accelerator to keep up with the traffic. Press more firmly and you can leave it well and truly behind. Even when giving everything, there's nothing more than a cultured roar from the exhaust as it unrelentingly blasts forward. The auto gearbox works best when left to its own devices despite the presence of paddles, while the dampers can be firmed up for more demanding driving.

The Flying Spur is inevitably a little more comfort-biased but it is no less capable when pushed through a series of bends. The brakes are immensely strong, the steering is reassuringly accurate and offers decent feel – in other words, it has the ability to hustle along way beyond the demands of 99 per cent of owners.

That sums up the new Flying Spur rather well. The improvements over the old car are in all the key areas, yet there's more performance, comfort and specification when there was already plenty. It's hard to see a way in which the Flying Spur could do anything other than deliver a very satisfying experience.

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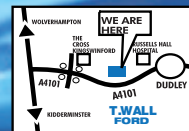
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THE team of local dealerships – Dudley Motor Company, Stourbridge Motor House, Halesowen Motor House and T Wall Garages – is celebrating this month after scooping the award for selling more cars than any other manufacturer in the area for 2012.

The four dealerships were presented with a No 1 trophy at the recent Vauxhall District Meeting.

Tim Barnes, retail operator, commented: "We are extremely proud to receive this award and we are delighted that sales have continued to grow into 2013 – we couldn't have achieved this without the hard work and enthusiasm of the team, so I would just like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them for their dedication."

Customers

"To us, customer experience is very important and so we always want to make sure that all new or returning customers are able to approach any member of the team and are well looked after."

"We aim for our service to exceed expectations and so I'm keen to ensure there are many more years of satisfied Vauxhall customers to come – here's to what we hope will be another successful year."

The independent, family-owned business is proud to have served motorists in the West Midlands for over 60 years, and with a fantastic range of new and used Vauxhall vehicles and an outstanding aftersales service, there's no wonder the dealership has been trusted by customers for such a substantial amount of time.

The business was first founded by Derrick Grieverson in Worcester in 1953 and operated under the name of Worcester Carsales. The dealership



Tim Barnes (retail operator) Rob Gilbert (general manager, Dudley Motor Company) and Stephanie Howson (regional operations for Vauxhall Motors Limited) with the No 1 trophy for achieving the best sales figures in the area

moved to a new site in Hylton Road, Worcester in 1963, and 1973 saw Mr Grieverson's son and current managing director, Stuart Grieverson, join the family company and more recently three of his children, cementing the future of the family run business.

Stuart Grieverson says: "We are immensely proud that we are, and have always been, a privately owned family-run business, as we feel this enables us to put our customers first."

At the dealerships, we don't look for short-term gain, we strive to build

strong relationships with our customers and offer a quality service over a lifetime."

With the recent launches of the Vauxhall ADAM and Cascada, it really is an exciting time to be working with the Vauxhall brand.

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The BMW Z4 – the makers have made it look good with the roof open or closed



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BMW keep tin top for sporty Z4

IT took a glass or two of fine red over dinner to loosen the tongue of a very senior car company salesperson, who declared with venom "We'll never make another of those."

He was talking about the convertible version of his company's big selling hatch, using a clever but complicated steel folding roof to morph the car from closed to open.

Far too much trouble, with motors stopping with the roof half up (or down) and too many leaks onto customers' expensive dresses when it rained. Never again!

None of which is meant to apply to any of the following words. They concern the latest version of a sporty BMW with a magic metal roof; the villain in the car park was not a BMW and you can't buy one new any longer.

Other car makers seem to be losing their love affair with metal folding tops and reverting to canvas, on the grounds of cost, reliability and style. It's hard to make a tin top look good when so much room has to be made to hold the roof when it's down.

Dumpy bottoms seem almost unavoidable, and a long way from the sporty svelteness you can bet the designer had in mind. They play havoc with boot space when they're folded, too.

So well done BMW for making the Z4 look good, open or closed. It remains a complicated way to let the sun in, though, and the boot is tiny with the roof folded away.

BMW has had to devise a special opening feature to maximise the boot opening aperture when the roof is down, involving a balletic sequence of whirring panels. Clever but slow and pointing up the compromise needed for the feeling of security a metal top provides.

But enough of the practicalities; the Z4 has just undergone the gentlest of mid-life makeovers, with white eyebrows over the headlights and chrome flicks on the side gills that give the car some of its sportiness in profile.

And, yes, hardly anyone

By Ian Donaldson

will notice. Bigger news if you're looking for a new Z4 is the choice of a less powerful engine that cuts £2,100 off the price and makes it the least expensive of BMW's roadsters.

The £27,610 Z4 sDrive18i uses a detuned version of the same 2.0 litre engine you'll find in the more expensive sDrive20i, with 30 fewer horses. I know the 18i ought to be a 1.8 litre engine but BMW long ago stopped playing the logical badge game.

Tempted

Performance is blunted a bit, but the silliness of the official tests have both power plants producing identical economy and emissions figures.

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New Passat R-line will turn heads with its unique style

VOLKSWAGEN has given the Passat a fresh style injection with the announcement of an R-line trim level.

The model has also had a change of engine. A turbocharged and supercharged 1.4-litre TSI petrol unit with 158bhp has been introduced to replace a 1.8-litre unit that produced the same power.

The R-line Passat features a unique body styling kit and a 15mm lower ride height.

Rear tailgate and boot lid spoilers adorn the saloon and estate variants respectively, while the whole package rides on standard 18-inch wheels and

wide, low-profile 235/40 tyres. Bi-xenon headlights, chrome bumper trim and dark-tinted rear windows help the R-line to stand out from more run-of-the-mill Passats.

Modifications

Inside, the standard equipment is based on that of the Passat S and includes Bluetooth, USB and iPod connectivity, DAB digital radio and a leather-trimmed multifunction steering wheel.

As well as the new 1.4-litre TSI, the R-Line is available with a 1.6-litre 103bhp TDI diesel engine with six-speed manual gearbox and a 2.0-litre 138bhp TDI diesel engine with a choice

of six-speed manual or DSG gearboxes. The 1.4 gets either a six-speed manual or a seven-speed DSG auto, and all DSG-equipped models also get shift paddles behind the steering wheel.

All R-Line models feature BlueMotion Technology modifications with engine stop-start and battery regeneration systems.

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Under the watchful eye of dentist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), founder of the Denture Clinic, based in North Street, hi-spec prescriptions are helping turn back the hands of time.

Recently, the practice has undergone a major refurbishment, with three disciplines – general dentistry (North Street Dental), implantology (Total Implant Solutions) and the prescribing and manufacturing of dentures (Denture Clinic) all under one roof.

Key to a £1m investment are two new ground-floor surgeries, an level main entrance at the rear, disabled-friendly facilities and a large car park with a drop-off point right outside the reception area. A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth."

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"We are on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary

salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country." The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality and we will never compromise on best clinical outcomes."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat successfully.

"I believe many of them have had a bad deal for years, but we are in the vanguard of changing outcomes and hopefully changing some lives for the better too," said Steven.

Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

Having completed his training as a dental technician and started his own laboratory, Steven enrolled on a three-and-a-half year CDT training course with the George Brown College in Toronto, Canada, to enable him to work in his dental discipline independently of a dentist.

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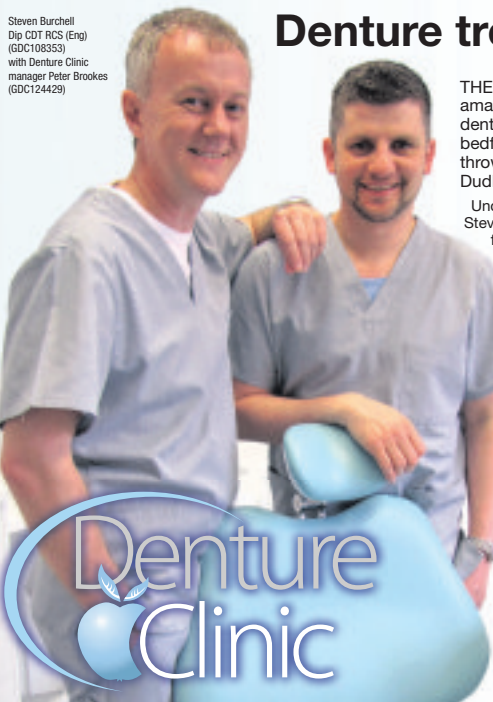
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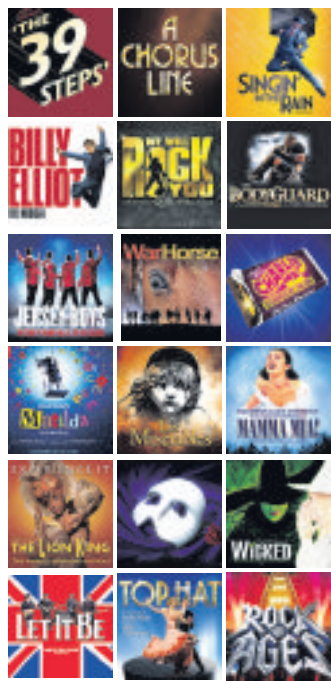
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Hancock on track to honour Hughes

CRADLEY legend Greg Hancock has sent his best wishes to the Heathens in their battle for a new track as he prepares to make a one-off return to the West Midlands later this year.

Double world champion Hancock will ride in the Joe Hughes Invitational at Monmore Green on September 16 to honour former rider and equipment supplier Hughes, who died last year.

Hancock, aged 43, started his career with Heathens back in 1989 and remained with the club until their closure in 1996.

He is thrilled to be returning to the club for a meeting which will raise funds for Cancer Research UK and junior speedway development.

Hancock said: "Obviously I'll be back in the Midlands which is where I spent a good few years with Cradley, and it'll be really nice to meet up with a few people I remember from my time there."

"The club was closed for a long time and they never gave up hope – and I really hope they get their own stadium again soon."

"For now they are riding at Wolverhampton, and I'm sure there will be plenty of Heathens fans there for Joe's meeting which will be great."

Copeland stumps county bid

WORCESTERSHIRE slumped to a 10-wicket County Championship defeat at Northamptonshire.

Resuming on 97-6, still needing 21 to make the hosts bat again, the visitors were dismissed inside the opening hour with seamer Trent Copeland doing the damage.

The Aussie removed Gareth Andrew for 18 to break a 36-run stand with Moeen Ali, before quickly accounting for Jack Shantry (0) and Chris Russell (2) to end with figures of 6-41. Ali finished on 44 not out with Alan Richardson (4) the last wicket to fall.

Northants openers Matt Spriegel and Kyle Coetzer took just over two overs to score the eight runs needed.

'Bull' charges in for school darts visit



Top darts player Terry 'The Bull' Jenkins has visited The Kingswinford School to help launch a schools contest

A DUDLEY school is taking on others from across the region after setting up an after-school darts club.

The Kingswinford School set up the club just under a year ago and students were last week able to play against the world's top players Terry 'The Bull' Jenkins. A Black Country tournament is now being arranged.

Jenkins' visit was organised by student Mitchell Lever, a darts enthusiast, who initially put out a survey to get the after-school club set up.

President of the school darts team, Mitchell, said: "Darts has gone from strength to strength since it was first introduced just 10 months ago and it now joins one of the many already

Darts

extra-curricular activity clubs."

The after-school club was given the go-ahead by headteacher Bronwyn Hedley, who said: "Our darts club is organised by students for students who have their skills constantly tested. We hope that many other schools will join the Black Country tournament."

Simon Baggott, school centre manager and a member of the PE department, said: "Many children have dartboards at home. However, they have no-one to play against as it is mainly an adult sport played in pubs. The after-school club gives the stu-

dents a chance to play darts against others.

"Not many schools have darts clubs and we hope by organising this competition it will spread awareness that youngsters can get involved in darts."

The darts competition will be open to students aged between 11 and 16 in the Black Country and of all abilities.

To enter a team in the tournament, contact Mr Baggott on 01824 296596 or email: sbaggott@kingswinford.dudley.sch.uk for more details.

The Kingswinford School also recently celebrated getting to the England badminton finals and the school is now ranked as one of the top in the country.

Jeavons displays power of the pedals

GUEST James Jeavons took the honours in the third round of Stourbridge Cycling Club's 10-mile time trial series.

Conditions were almost perfect at Bobbington, Staffordshire – a light breeze on a warm sunny evening.

It could hardly have been better for the riders and they responded with some excellent performances.

Fastest around the two laps of the undulating five-mile course was Jeavons, who is making a habit of winning these events.

He clocked 23min 31sec followed by 20 SCC members, including Phil Glaze in 25.46 closely followed by youth Anthony Neave in 26.54.

Other Stourbridge CC performances were: Andy Collins 25.41; Kieron McMahon 26.53; Kevin Brain 26.57; Jack Cooper 26.57; Neil Ruston 26.59; Roger Allen 27.14; Mark Perry 27.24; Michael Cook 27.50; Phil Rushton 28.13; Nick Harris 28.30; Simon Smewin 28.36; Anthony Wheatley 28.49; Mat Cheslin 29.45; David Fall 31.44; Matt Jones 32.16; Jason Brookes 32.22 and Arthur Tilston 35.58.

Jones has too much for Fullwell

STOURBRIDGE darter Nick Fullwell is out of the 'FA Cup of darts' after losing to Wolverhampton's Wayne Jones.

"The Wanderer" took their preliminary round clash 5-1 at the Speedy Services UK Open. Jones went on to put away Royden Lam 5-3 in the first round at Bolton's Reebok Stadium.

But he was then white-washed 5-0 by double UK Open winner and 2011 champ James Wade.

Halesowen's Michael Musto bowed out at the first stage, beaten 5-1 by Bernd Roth. Walsall's Matthew Dennant failed to cash in on his two victories, losing to two-time World champion Adrian 'Jackpot' Lewis.

Wolverhampton builder Dean Stewart laid the foundations for his bid with a 5-1 victory over Terry Dunford, followed by 5-3 wins over Gus Santana and Steven Mead before losing 9-5 to Adrian Gray.

Long night's work will put plenty in the Tank

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston is hoping to give fight fans their money's worth when he tops a professional bill for the first time at Wolverhampton Civic Hall next month.

The 22-year-old also has the chance to win his first paid title, the International Masters middleweight crown, against Portuguese-born Spaniard Yuri Pomplio.

They clash in a 10-round match on Saturday, July 6 – a second shot for Aston after losing his Midlands title tilt.

by Craig Birch

Aston was beaten in two rounds that night – and a rematch with his nemesis, Nottingham's Curtis Valentine, is another target.

However, Aston claims his rival has 'gone missing from the gym' and instead will take on international opposition over a title distance.

And "Tank" is hoping for a long night's work, to get vital ring time under his belt ahead of bigger challenges.

He said: "It's great that it's a title, but just to go the 10 rounds would be useful for me."

"Then I can move on to bigger and better belts in the future."

"We are training to go the distance – we train for 15 rounds, actually, so we can put 10 rounds of hard graft in if needs be come fight night."

"He's a natural light-middleweight, so he's having to come up a bit to fight me."

"But he's durable and a dangle switch-hitter who comes at angles."

"I need to cut the ring off,

track him down and cut him into the corners when possible, then let my shots go when I have him pinned down."

Headlining at the Civic means a lot to the former Priory Park ABC amateur, a regular spectator at the venue's boxing bills over the last few years.

He's competed at the venue once and did so in style, taking out Telford's Kieron Gray in less than a round on the Prizefighter bill in February 2011.

Aston said: "It will be my home-town crowd at the Civic and it's nice to get everybody involved and behind me, particularly as it's on my own doorstep."

"It's a great venue, I have always said it and I wanted to be there boxing at least once this year."

"What a time to have it – for a title."

For more information and tickets, call the Civic box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157.

Karate kid bags two titles in just few weeks



William Smith took gold in the English Championship

YOUNG Kingswinford karate star William Smith has won two national titles in the space of a few weeks.

The nine-year-old martial artist took gold in the English Karate Championships which were staged at Ponds Forge, Sheffield and then went on to add to his haul the British title at the New Emirates Arena in Glasgow, Scotland.

Smith trains five or six days a week and has been coached by Paul Campbell at Brierley Hill's Inspire Gym since he started training at the age of five.

Smith, a pupil at Bromley Primary in Kingswinford, has his long-term sights set on a world championship and his next international competition is in Ireland on October 5-6.

Pleasure

Campbell, said: "He's been with me for about four years. It's not just that he's good, but that he's a pleasure to teach."

"He trains regularly – he's got a goal and not many children of that age have that."

"He's English champion and British champion and he wants to fight for the England team."

Karate was one of eight sports on a shortlist for possible inclusion in the 2020 Olympics, but missed out to baseball/softball, squash and wrestling. But Coach Campbell feels Smith's prospects will not be affected.

"We have to wait and see," he said. "But he would be young enough if it comes in 2024. I spoke to his school and they say he is a pleasure to teach – karate focuses him."

"And a lot of children have said how he inspires them – they watch how he trains and his demeanour. He's everything that I could want in a student," he added.



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Sparrow aiming to dislodge a Rooke

A DREAM final at the 2014 Ryder Cup venue Gleneagles is up for grabs for amateur Gary Morris and his Hinley Hall PGA professional Mark Sparrow in Europe's biggest pro-am competition - The Lombard Trophy.

Morris teed up a chance to tread the fairways of the PGA Centenary course at the Scottish resort on September 3-4 when he won his club qualifying competition with a nett score of 67.

He and Sparrow now advance to the regional final at Little Aston Golf Club on Wednesday, July 24, where they will play one round of better-ball medal play with the chance to secure one of 16 spots available for the 36-hole grand final.

Morris, a 42-year-old stores supervisor from Brierley Hill, has been playing golf for 15 years and plays off a handicap of six.

Sparrow, 39, has been a professional at Himley Hall for eight years.

Last year's winners were PGA professional Lee Rooke and amateur Nick Jones from the Vale of Llangollen.

The tournament attracts more than 50,000 competitors and is now in its 29th competitive year.

The PGA National Pro-Am Championship has a total prize fund of £80,000, with the winning professional at the grand final taking home a cheque for £12,000.

Juniors net funds aid

STOURBRIDGE FC Juniors have netted funding through the FA.

The grant will mean that club players are able to play matches with goalposts that are the right size for their age.

Cash has come through the FA's youth football goalposts initiative, launched last year in partnership with the Football Foundation - the country's largest sports charity.

The Football Foundation works with the FA to provide funding towards the installation of goalposts in line with the FA's youth development review.

This promotes matches between teams of five, seven and nine players on smaller pitches with reduced-size goals.

The formats will be mandatory from next season.

Popular Hamill awaiting Heathens return

CALIFORNIAN glamour boy Billy Hamill will make his first visit to a Dudley Heathens event next month.

Hamill, who was one of the most popular riders ever to wear Cradley colours, will be guest of honour when they host the FAST Golden Hammer at Wolverhampton on Tuesday, July 16.

Hamill won the world title in 1996, ironically the same season he won his one and only Hammer crown when Heathens were riding at Stoke.

And speaking from his Californian home in the early hours of Saturday

Speedway

morning, Hamill was excited about meeting the thousands of fans once again.

"I'm just so looking forward to seeing everyone again," said Hamill. "I'm following the Dudley Heathens from here in California on the website and the way the supporters are getting behind those young kids is superb."

"I've heard about the young boys at reserve, Max Clegg and Nathan Greaves, and I look forward to meeting up with them at the Hammer."

"My time at Cradley shaped my adult life. My memories of Dudley Wood are special and I really wish the Dudley guys well in what they are trying to do."

Support

"I know what wonderful support is there, they were awesome to me throughout my career and I can't wait to see everyone."

Fans will have the chance to meet Hamill for pictures and autographs before the meeting and he will also address the crowd during the interval.

The meeting is once again promoted in association with Dudley Stroke Association who are promoting their FAST message - Face, Arms, Speech, Time, if a stroke is suspected dial 999.

It promises to be another memorable night with the entire Heathens team in action along with the best of the National League.

Heathens head to Berwick for an inter-league challenge on Saturday and their next home meeting is against deadly rivals Mildenhall in the National League on June 25.

Hat-trick of exits for Stour

STOURBRIDGE FC have seen their plans for next season hit by the departure of three high-profile players.

Keeper Lewis Solly, defender Paul McCone and striker Ben Mackey have left the War Memorial Ground.

Stalwart Solly, a former Wolves trainee, is moving on after a seven-and-a-half year stay in which he made more than 350 appearances. The 29-year-old was ever-present as the club rose from the Midlands Alliance to become one of the Southern League Premier's strongest outfits.

But the fine form of Dean Coleman, drafted in when Solly suffered a knee injury in February, saw him out of the team and he made just one league appearance in the final run-in.

McCone has been a key figure in the centre of defence for the past two years. He was named as manager's and directors' player of the season. McCone has moved to Leamington, who beat the Glassboys to the Southern League title. Mackey scored eight goals to fire Stour's push for the play-offs after moving from St Neots Town in March. He has left for Southern League rivals Hemel Hempstead Town.

Neal is now in the driving seat

STOURBRIDGE racer Matt Neal leads the British Touring Car Championship - after rival Jason Plato's car caught fire in the third race at Oulton Park.

Plato won the first two races, but the drama in the third handed the championship lead to Neal - who was placed sixth, fourth and fourth again - in his Honda Yuasa.

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Bragging rights CLAIMED IN DERBY

Halesowen 1st XI 186 v Stourbridge 1st XI 244 - Stourbridge won by 58 runs
STOURBRIDGE 1st XI became joint leaders of Division Two of the Birmingham and District Premier league after winning their inaugural local derby against Halesowen.

Despite the presence of both teams in the league stretching into a decade, the two teams met for the first time.

Skipper Richard Bradley won the toss and decided to bat.

His decision paid off as openers Alex Bingham and James Lawley nullified the pace of Daniel Jeavons and Andy Roberts.

Lawley was first to go in the 18th over, off-spinner Rameez Pinjara trapping him lbw for 31.

Bingham (56) became Pinjara's second lbw victim with the Stour total on 101.

Change

Captain Bradley took the score to 124 along with prolific left-hander Andy Alexander when he too became another lbw victim, falling to Pinjara for eight in the 30th over.

A change of bowling paid off as Philip Croft had Alexander caught on the off-side boundary for 45.

When Lawley was tempted to drive the off-spinner Maharoof Azam to long on, he was caught for 42.

Bradley went on to score 32 before he was bowled by paceman Andy Roberts. Pinjara ended up with figures of 5-72 from 17 overs.

In reply, the home side made a bad start losing opener Mohammed Ishtiaq for 12 and No.3 Kester Moseley for five.

Recovery came from Mohammad Shauib and Rameez Pinjara who put on 52 in 12 overs.

Pinjara fell to the leg spin of Alexander, caught behind

Cricket

for 33 - and the home side lost further three wickets before the total had reached 100.

Mohammad Shauib (37) was run out; Hassan Quami was caught and bowled by Alexander for eight and Ryan Beaumont was bowled by spinner James Wood for a single to leave Halesowen 98-6 off 25 overs.

Griffiths and Croft revived hopes with a stand of 39 before Griffiths fell lbw to Wood for 14; his side still 107 short.

Croft put away Wood's 10th over for four boundaries and a six and took the total up to 166 before Alexander had Daniel Jeavons lbw for five and then had Roberts caught behind for a duck.

Maharoof Azam was last out, run out with 11 overs remaining, leaving Croft stranded on 66 not out.

Other results: Stourbridge 2nd XI 253-4 (Norgrove 111no) beat Quatt 143 by 110 runs

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High-five as lads lift schools' trophy at Banks's



The Brierley Hill & District Schools Under-13s celebrating their win after the final



The Brierley Hill & District schools under-13s football team have had another successful season claiming the English Schools FA Area 5 Walsall FC Challenge Cup which was played at The Banks's Stadium, Walsall. The youngsters beat Aston, Erdington & Salford 1-0 in a close-fought final.

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